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Aaron Greene



Featured in the picture are (from left to right):

Pat Quinn, Art Teacher, Inter-Lakes Elementary School; Aaron Greene, Artist/Contest Winner; Jim Hughes, Chairman, Board of Selectmen; Jeff Towne, Finance Director, Town of Meredith.

The Town of Meredith Finance Director inquired of the Inter-Lakes Elementary School Art Teacher if her students would be interested in participating in a drawing contest. The contest theme was entitled "What Meredith Means To Me". The contest winners drawing would be featured on the cover of the 1997 Annual Town Report.

The response was spectacular. There were 135 wonderful drawings received from the students. The Board of Selectmen did a review of all the drawings in order to determine a winner. It was a difficult decision because there were so many excellent entries. Thank you to all the students who participated in the contest. Also, we wish to thank Pat Quinn for her time and efforts on this project. Thank you!

Congratulations to Aaron Greene for having his picture of "What Meredith Means To Me" chosen as the winner for the cover of the 1997 Annual Report. Aaron is a 5th grade student at the Inter-Lakes Elementary School.

THE TOWN OF
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for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

TOWN REPORT DEDICATIONS

PAUL T. "BUD" AMBROSE

1920 - 1997

Paul Theodore "Bud" Ambrose, was born in Moultonboro but grew up on Main Street in Meredith, in a house near Waukewan Street intersection. Bud graduated from Interlakes High School and went on to own and operate Ambrose Bros. Inc. for 43 years.

Bud was an U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was also a member of the Meredith Griggs-Wyatt American Legion Post 33, the Meredith Historical Society, New Hampshire Good Roads Association, "Sno-Streakers" Snowmobile Club of Meredith and a longtime Volunteer Fire Fighter for the Townspeople of Meredith.

Upon retiring in 1989, Bud was still very active. He enjoyed family outings at his camp in Pittsburg, his house on Lake Waukewan and he was an outdoorsman who loved to work and loved New Hampshire. He especially always looked forward to the Sandwich Fair as well as the other Country Fairs of New Hampshire.

Family, friends, community and a "hand shake" deal were Bud's trademarks.

RALPH J. SAMAHA

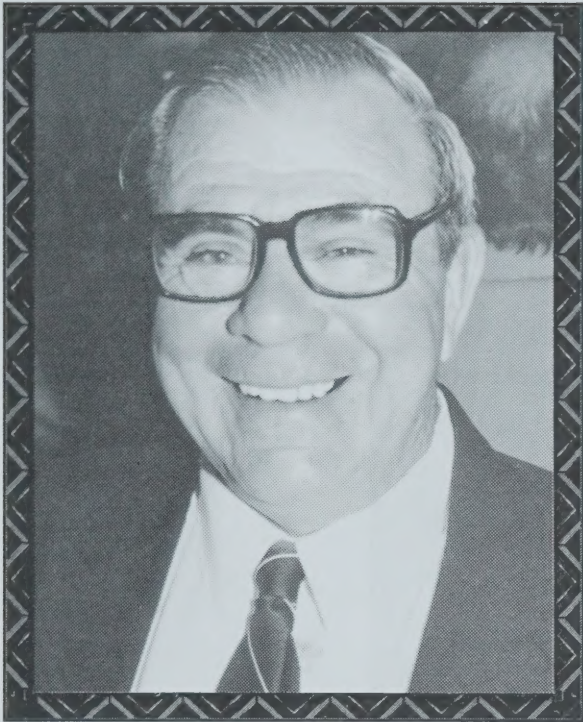
1922 - 1997

Ralph J. Samaha lived in Meredith most of his life. He continued working in the family business, later owning and operating Samaha's Clothing Store located on Main Street in Meredith for many years.

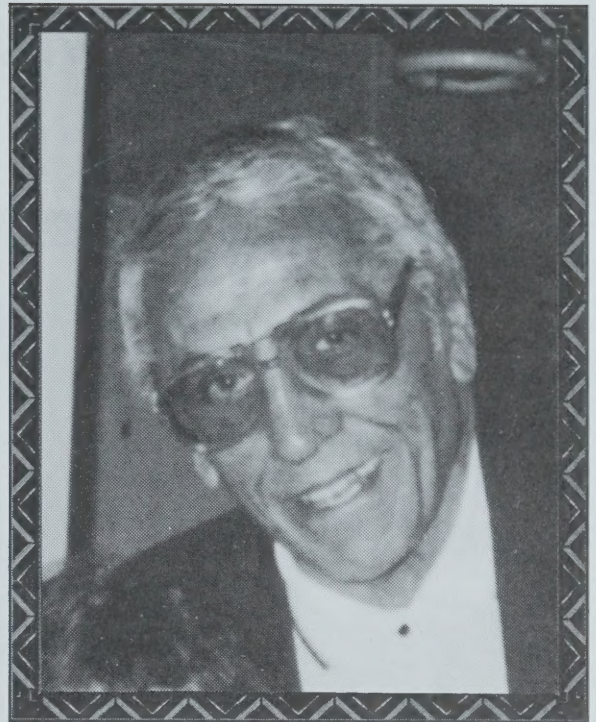
Mr. Samaha served in the Coast Guard and was a World War II veteran. He was a member of the Meredith Griggs-Wyatt American Legion Post 33, Laconia Country Club, Laconia Elks Lodge, and an organizer of the Lions Club in Meredith and served as its first King Lion.

In Ralph's later years, he enjoyed a warmer climate in the winter, playing golf in sunny Florida.

On the following page we show Bud and Ralph in their later years and one photo of them together taken in the early 1940's.



PAUL T. "BUD" AMBROSE
1920 - 1997

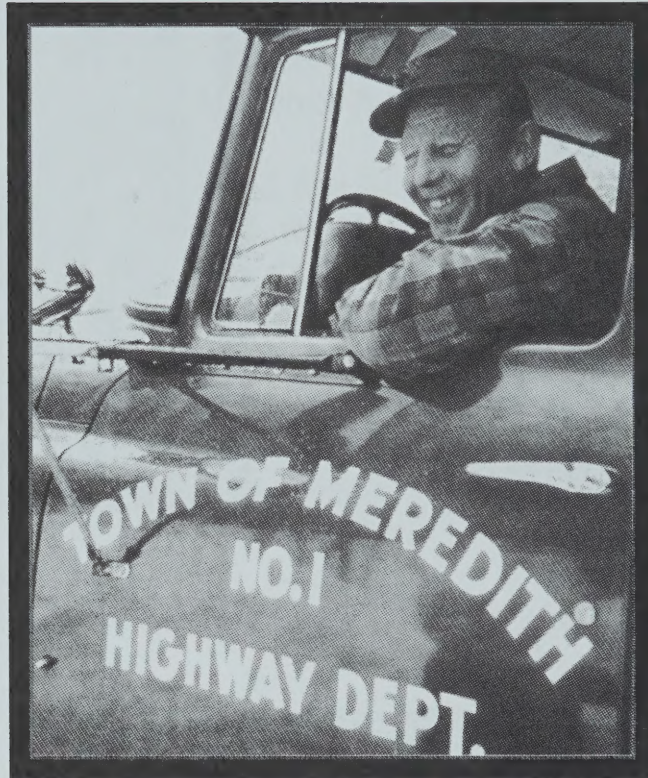


RALPH J. SAMAHA
1922 - 1997



"BUD AND RALPH"
EARLY 1940'S

IN SPECIAL MEMORIAM



ROLAND W. ANAIR, SR.
1911 - 1997

Roland W. Anair, Sr. was the son of Eugene and Phoebe (Turcotte) Anair. Roland had been a resident of Meredith for most of his life. He was employed by the Town of Meredith Highway Department for a number of years and he retired in 1975.

IN APPRECIATION FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE



PAULINE L. FOURNIER
Town Clerk



BONNIE CALZADA
Police Officer

On behalf of the Residents and Property owners of the Town of Meredith,
thank you for over twenty years of exceptional service to this community.
We all wish you both happy retirements!

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Town Officials

December 31, 1997

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James F. Hughes, Chairman, 1998

Paul R. Lessard, 1999

Christopher C. Whitcher, 2000

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Moderator, 1998

Town Clerk, 1998

Treasurer, 1999

Kenneth A. Jollimore

Pauline L. Jones

Richard Pendergast

TOWN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Town Manager & Tax Collector

Finance Director & General Assistance Director

Town Planner

Code Enforcement & Health Officer

Public Works Director

Water & Sewer Superintendent

Assessor

Parks & Recreation Director

Librarian

Deputy Tax Collector

Deputy Town Clerk

Peter G. Russell

Jeffrey C. Towne, CPA

John C. Edgar, AICP

John W. Dever, Jr.

Michael Fallor

Robert Hill

Lena Watson Bolton

Cheryl A. Saltzberg

Lydia Torr

Valerie "Vikki" Fogg

Sheila M. Vachon

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Thomas J. Boriso, 1998, Meredith

David M. Lawton, 1998, Meredith

POLICE DEPARTMENT

John P. Curran, Chief

Paul Dillon, Lieutenant

John Egan, Sergeant

Kevin Morrow, Sergeant

William B. Sipes, Patrolman

Michael Harper, Patrolman

Keith True, Juvenile Officer

James Cerami, Patrolman

Glenn Rollins, Patrolman

Robert E. L. Chance III, Patrolman

Christine Fecteau, Clerk

Dispatchers: Debra Bunker, Deborah Lewis, Robert Nichols

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Charles G. Palm, Chief

Andre Kloetz, 1st Assistant Chief

Roger Hawkins, 2nd Assistant Chief

Tom Joslin, 3rd Assistant Chief

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Roy E. Howe, Sr.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Steven R. Bennett

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Adam Downs, 1998
Linda Colombine, 1998

Dennis V. O'Leary, 1998
Gale B. White, 1999

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Janice A. Phillips, 1998

Jonathan D. James, 1999

Kenneth Haley, 2000

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Deborah K. McNeish, Chairman, 2002

Lucienne M. Boulanger, 1998

Brenda L. Thibeault, 2000

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

G. Wendell Whitcher, Chairman, 1999

Virginia Nicoll, 1998
June Corrigan, 1998
Laurie A. Brothers, 1999

Paul Eldridge, 2000
Duncan McNeish, 2000
Kathleen S. Peverly, 2000

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Flanders, Chairman, 1999

Ray Porcell, 1998
Joseph Nardone, 1999
Paul R. Lessard, Selectman

William Bayard, 2000
Sandra Price, 2000
Roger Sorell, 2000

Alternates:

Ralph Losee, 1999 James Hughes, Selectman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

James Miller, Chairman, 2000

Fred Hawkins, 1998
Rawalt Stedje, 1999

Ralph Losee, 1999
Kenneth Haley, 2000

Alternate:

John Mack, 1998

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Merritt Webb, Chairman, 2000

Phyllis Hamblet, 1998
Lucie LaPlante, 1998
Samuel Citron, 1999

Scott Sorell, 1999
John Sherman, 2000
Robert A. LeCount, 2000

Alternate:

Helen W. Bertholet, 2000

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

William Bayard, 2001

Herb Vadney, 2001

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Report from the Meredith Board of Selectmen

To Our Citizens of Meredith:

We are pleased to report that 1997 was another productive and busy year. Meredith continues to excel in its service delivery while maintaining a constant level municipal tax rate portion. We continue to strive to do more with less!

Many existing improvements were undertaken this year. The Waukewan Street sewer extension project was completed and the street reconstruction voted in 1995 was done. Remember how rough Waukewan Street was? Now we ask those using the street to watch your speed keeping safety in mind.

The Philbrook Avenue project nears completion with the gravel street paved this summer.

We finally completed a Cable TV Franchise renewal with Community TV; although not 100% of what we wanted, we were able to get a vast improvement for our community. We are proposing establishment of a trust for our franchise fees to allow future use toward our community cable improvements.

The Town has applied to the NH Wetlands Board to increase our public Town dockage on Route 3. If approved, we can create 31 additional dockage slips for public convenience.

Our Public Works Department completed the entire reconstruction of Tracy Way and Old Barn Road this year, as well as the road pavement overlay of Veasey Shores Road, a portion of Eaton Avenue and many other road projects.

We established a volunteer planning committee to work with the InterLakes School District, a portion of their property and Prescott Park to formulate an improvement plan. A Warrant Article will be presented for your consideration.

Our major street reconstruction for 1998 is proposed for the Oak Knoll area among others, in addition to the Pleasant Street project that was approved by bond in 1997.

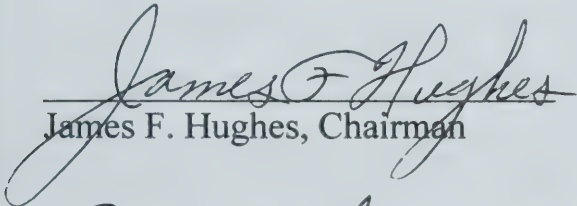
We take our hats off to and thank the many volunteers in applying for and being accepted by the NH Main Street Program. We are one of six New Hampshire communities selected for participation. We feel over time our downtown, businesses and residents will benefit by program participation. We ask your help and involvement with this committee to make downtown Meredith the best it can be.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We urge our citizens and taxpayers to review this Annual Report and then join us in thanking our employees for delivery of municipal services in an efficient and unfailing manner and our many volunteers that provide so many things to our community. It is our dedicated employees and volunteers that make our projects and tasks successful. Meredith is truly what it is today because of everyone's involvement.

In closing, we have tried to address all issues brought before us; some issues take much longer to address than others or some may not be within our control. We wish to thank you for your support, guidance, confidence, patience and making our serving you a rewarding and pleasurable experience.

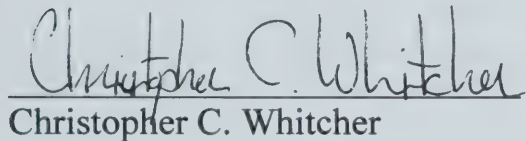
Sincerely,



James F. Hughes, Chairman



Paul R. Lessard



Christopher C. Witcher

Meredith Board of Selectmen

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Town Manager's Report

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Meredith:

Once again, we close another busy and trying year, but very productive for our community. I wish to thank our dedicated employees and many volunteers.

Departmental Reports, as well as the Selectmen's Report within our 1997 annual Report discuss many of our endeavors and accomplishments. I will list a few additional items and a few for the future.

Volunteers and Town Departments worked together to finish three trails and open Waukewan Highlands Community Park for passive recreational uses. Bob Hill, Water and Sewer Departments Superintendent, worked on the Reservoir Dam to comply with safety and State of NH Regulations.

The Wagon Wheel Trail pressure sewer was completed in 1997 by abutters benefit assessment. This project assists to maintain the environmental quality within Meredith Bay.

Continued work by Municipal Water Department in improving our water system and continued compliance with State and Federal regulations has paid off for us; our test results are so good that we now only must test every three years instead of every year for lead and copper federal compliance.

The Pleasant Street bond issue passed at the 1997 Town Meeting for drainage, water main replacement and road and sidewalk reconstruction is currently under design. We hope to bid the project in 1998. Construction will be all summer long because of the project magnitude. Efforts will be to provide one way traffic out to Meredith Neck; once complete, I believe you will be pleased by the project.

Meredith partnered with the NH DOT on Route 3 South and Westbury Road/Neal Shore intersections improvements. Although not yet complete, it will be a dramatic improvement when completed in 1998. We did not have to provide much money, but by our involvement and administrative work our local roads will be benefited also.

Through efforts of Town Planner John Edgar and myself we were able to get the Route 104/Pease/Winona intersection into the State's 10-Year Highway Plan for safety reasons. NH DOT will be installing a full-signalized intersection at this location by the year 2000, improving safety for our motorists.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Selectmen's Task Force on Routes 3 and 25 continues to explore traffic congestion improvement options with NH DOT. The complex nature of improving our highway capacity and keeping our rural, aesthetic and pedestrian friendly community continues to be a challenge. Citizen concerns continue to be well represented on the Task Force in negotiating with NH DOT.

1997 was a busy year relative to Town personnel; we saw retirements and departures of long time employees, which necessitated replacements. My thanks for their many years of dedication to our townspeople.

I continue to say I have spoken or worked with many of you citizens or taxpayers, but certainly not everyone. If you have questions, opinions or concerns please drop by to see me at the Town Office or phone 279-4538.

In closing, although Meredith is a very diverse community, I truly enjoy working for and with you all. Thank you for your interest, input, patience and cooperation.

And finally, this is your community, please get involved!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter G. Russell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "R".

Peter G. Russell
Town Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Record of 1997 Town Meeting Minutes

State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at St. Charles Auditorium, 281 Daniel Webster Highway, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next, March 11, 1997, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 12, 1997, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gym, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on the following articles:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

One	(1) Selectman for three (3) years	
	RALPH LOSEE	267
	BARBARA ANN MANSON	142
	CHRISTOPHER CHARLES WHITCHER	358
One	(1) Trustee of Trust Funds for three (3) years	
	KENNETH F. HALEY	677
One	(1) Trustee of Trust Funds for two (2) years	
	JONATHAN D. JAMES	676
Three	(3) Library Trustees for three (3) years	
	PAUL S. ELDRIDGE	597
	J. DUNCAN MCNEISH III	573
	KATHLEEN S. PEVERLY	588

ARTICLE 2

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Meredith, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$40,000?

570 YES

123 NO

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and own assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with “accessory uses?”

Purpose of the proposed amendment: To clarify that an accessory use must be a subordinate use, clearly incidental to and related to the principal structure, building or use of the land. Additionally, aircraft landings and takeoffs would not be permitted as an accessory use to a residential use.

516 YES

203 NO

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with “Maximum Lot Coverage?”

Purpose of the proposed amendment: To clarify the scope and intent of the existing definition and regulation of “Maximum Lot Coverage” to include gravel surfaces.

486 YES

207 NO

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with a comprehensive rewrite of the Wetlands Conservation District provisions?

Purpose of the Amendment: To simplify the ordinance by eliminating confusing and conflicting terminology; to reduce buffer and septic leach bed setback requirements based upon current wetland and soils science; to exempt certain small, isolated wetlands from local regulatory jurisdiction

568 YES

156 NO

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with the front setback provisions in the Central Business District?

Purpose of the Amendment: To eliminate the flexible front setback provision which allows the front setback to be as minimal as that of the nearest building within 200 feet. Eliminating this provision will result in a standard 30 ft. front setback throughout this district.

485 YES

224 NO

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with administrative housekeeping?

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Purpose of the amendment: To renumber articles, sections and paragraphs; to delete any duplications within the ordinance.

637 YES

75 NO

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION OPENED ON MARCH 12, 1997 AT THE INTER-LAKES JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GYM AT 7:00 PM.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS LED BY RETIRING SELECTMAN EDITH MONGO.

MODERATOR KENNETH JOLLIMORE INSTRUCTED THE VOTERS TO THE RULES OF THE MEETING, THEN GAVE THE PODIUM TO SELECTMAN LESSARD. MR. LESSARD GAVE A TOUCHING TRIBUTE WITH THANKS AND APPRECIATION TOGETHER WITH A PLAQUE TO RETIRING SELECTMAN MONGO FOR HER SIX YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN.

SELECTMAN HUGHES PRESENTED A BOUQUET OF YELLOW ROSES TO RETIRING TOWN CLERK PAULINE FOURNIER FOR OVER 20 YEARS AS CLERK.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) for the purpose of water and sewer main replacements, improved underground drainage, reconstruction and construction of sidewalks, and road resurfacing on Pleasant Street; said appropriation to be inclusive of State or Federal grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (ii) to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33 , of the said appropriation, provided , however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes, and temporary borrowings, as shall be in best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any or all State or Federal grants-in-aid, or other contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith. (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 8 WAS MOVED BY SELECTMAN MONGO AND SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HUGHES. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION ON THE ARTICLE AND THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR A BALLOT VOTE. THE POLLS WERE OPENED AT 7:13 AND WERE CLOSED AT 8:15.

THE COUNT WAS 260 YES AND 71 NO. THE MOTION WAS DECLARED PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY MODERATOR JOLLIMORE.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Dollars (\$776,000.00) for the purpose of building a Community Center at Prescott Park, said appropriations to be inclusive of contributions from other sources; (ii) to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Town Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith. (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith) (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting) **Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 9 WAS MOVED BY ROBERT VALLIERE AND SECONDED JOE DEVER.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ON THE COMMUNITY CENTER WITH QUESTIONS BEING ANSWERED BY COMMUNITY CENTER CHAIRMAN BOB VALLIERE.

THE MASTER PLAN SEEMED TO BE A MAIN QUESTION. AN AMENDMENT TO FUND THE PROJECT IN ONE YEAR WAS DEFEATED. QUESTION WAS MOVED BY MR. HUGHES

MODERATOR PUT THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO A VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT. POLLS OPENED AT 8:20 AND CLOSED AT 9:24.

139 YES 243 NO MODERATOR DECLARED THE ARTICLE DEFEATED.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to adopt New Hampshire RSA 162-K, allowing the Town Meeting to establish Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts. Such districts allow public infrastructure improvements to be built or improved and any debt repaid by future tax increments within the proposed district; each proposed district shall have a development program and a tax increment financing plan prior to the Town Meeting approving a particular district. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 10 WAS MOVED BY MR. HUGHES AND SECONDED BY MR. LESSARD. MR. HUGHES EXPLAINED THE PURPOSE OF THE TIF DISTRICT. A VOICE VOTE WAS UNABLE TO BE DETERMINED. MODERATOR JOLLIMORE CALLED FOR A STANDING VOTE.

YES 135 NO 169 ARTICLE WAS DEFEATED.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to establish a developmental district entitled “Needle Eye and Route 3 South District”, as shown with a development program and tax increment financing plan as presented. In addition, to require the Town Manager to serve as District Administrator per RSA 162-K:13 and grant administration powers as allowed by said statute; the Board of Selectmen (governing body) shall create a district advisory board and appoint three members, solely owners or occupants of real property within or adjacent to the district. Once such a district is established, the Board of Selectmen shall by resolution, delineate the powers and duties of the advisory board.

And further, to see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) for the purpose of district infrastructure improvements; said appropriations to be inclusive of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any or all State or Federal grants-in-aid, or other contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith. Proposed revenue would include sewer access fees within the district and future property tax increments. (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting) **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

NO ACTION NECESSARY BECAUSE ARTICLE 10 WAS DEFEATED.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining bond authorization from the East Bluff Highlands Sewer Extension Improvement Project voted per Article 5 of the March 14, 1995 Town Meeting. The amount of the remaining bond authorization is Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Ninety Two Cents (\$49,685.92). The project is now complete. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 12 WAS MOVED BY SELECTMAN EDITH MONGO AND SECONDED BY MR. HUGHES.

NO DISCUSSION ON THE ARTICLE . PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE. A FEW NAYS.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, both layouts of Lang Street Extension , so-called (between Lake and Dover Street) dividing the Chase property, contingent upon Planning and/or Zoning Board approval(s) of the project called “Chase House at Mill Falls” and requiring vehicular access to be provided by right of way to the adjoining side lines of lots Tax Map U-6, lots 77 & 105 (April 1, 1996 Tax Map version), currently provided by said Town Street; and further to provide or retain existing utility and drainage easements to the Town of Meredith and to allow public vehicle access between Dover and Lake Streets.

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Provided that in the event of structure(s) being destroyed by fire or other acts and if any structure(s) remain vacant for a period of one year, such discontinuance shall become null and void by vote of the Board of Selectmen and the layout of 1862 shall be returned to the Town of Meredith.

ARTICLE 13 WAS MOVED BY SELECTMAN HUGHES AND SECONDED BY PAUL LESSARD.

NO DISCUSSION ON THE ARTICLE. PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to allow POW/MIA memorial statue #1 (as displayed) to be placed in Hesky Park.

ARTICLE 14 WAS MOVED BY SELECTMAN LESSARD AND SECONDED BY SELECTMAN MONGO.

RON JAMES READ A PRAYER AND SPOKE IN FAVOR TO THE STATUE.

THE MODERATOR RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR A SECRET BALLOT.

JACK CARTY SPOKE AGAINST THE STATUE WITH SEVERAL OTHERS SPEAKING AGAINST THE PLACING OF THE STATUE IN THE PARK AND AGAINST THE STATUE AS PRESENTED.

ROBERT JONES SPOKE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE STATUE WITH RUSSELL DUNN AND SEVERAL OTHERS SUPPORTING HIS VIEWS

SECRET BALLOT VOTE. YES 64
ARTICLE DEFEATED.

NO 305 MODERATOR DECLARED

ARTICLE 15

Are you in favor of banning the placement of any statues in Hesky Park? (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith)

ARTICLE 15 WAS MOVED BY JACK CARTY AND SECONDED BY HERB VADNEY.
THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION WITH AMENDMENTS MADE AND WITHDRAWN.
A PETITION FOR A SECRET BALLOT WAS WITHDRAWN.

MODERATOR DECLARED THE ARTICLE PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to the Employee Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16 WAS MOVED BY SELECTMAN MONGO AND SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HUGHES.

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NO DISCUSSION PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Public Works Dump Truck Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17 WAS MOVED BY MR. HUGHES AND SECONDED BY MR. LESSARD. THERE WAS SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING THE MAKE AND EQUIPMENT ON THE TRUCK WHICH WERE ANSWERED BY GIVING THE SPECS.

ARTICLE WAS PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A VOICE VOTE WITH A FEW NAYS.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be added to the Sand/Salt Storage Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 19 WAS MOVED BY SELECTMAN HUGHES AND SECONDED BY SELECTMAN MONGO.

THERE WAS SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING AMOUNT IN FUND AND ESTIMATES.

ARTICLE PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A VOICE VOTE WITH A FEW NAYS.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Thirty Six Cents (298,329.36) to be added to the Landfill Closure Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be raised by taxation and to authorize the transfer of the December 31, 1996 Fund Balance of Two Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Thirty Six Cents(\$223,329.36). The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 19 WAS MOVED BY MRS. MONGO AND SECONDED BY MR. HUGHES.

NO DISCUSSION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Municipal Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 20 WAS MOVED BY MR. HUGHES AND SECONDED BY MR. LESSARD. SOME DISCUSSION.

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PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A VOICE VOTE WITH A FEW NAYS.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote a “Special Warrant Article” to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the additional construction of Community Park. The sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$38,400.00) to be raised by taxation and Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$11,600.00) to be transferred to the General Fund from the Land Use Change Tax Fund. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the Park is completed or in three (3) years following the end of the fiscal year, which ever is less. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 21 WAS MOVED BY MR. LESSARD AND SECONDED BY MRS. MONGO.

PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$36,700.00) for the following purposes:

- \$20,000.00 State Aid Reconstruction Program -2 to 1 match for improvements to various roads under the State Aid Reconstruction Program, provided that the State of New Hampshire appropriates Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) ; and
- \$16,700.00 Community Enhancement Program - Safety and aesthetic improvements on Route 3 North.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 22 WAS MOVED BY MRS. MONGO AND SECONDED BY MR. HUGHES. SOME DISCUSSION ON WHERE THE ENHANCEMENTS WOULD BE. MR. RUSSELL SAID IT WOULD BE FROM THE POLICE STATION TO JENNESS HILL ROAD.

ARTICLE PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) for the purpose of Route 3 & 25 Planning . Funding is already within the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 23 WAS MOVED BY MR. HUGHES AND SECONDED BY MR. LESSARD. FRED HATCH , CHAIRMAN FOR THE TASK FORCE , EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR THE REQUEST. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR.

MODERATOR DECLARED THE ARTICLE PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) for the purpose of a Sewer Collection Main on Westbury Road, providing that the property owners on Westbury Road authorize a betterment assessment on Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) plus interest; said appropriation to be inclusive of State or Federal grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources;

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(ii) to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes, and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any or all State or Federal grants-in-aid, or other contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith. Proposed revenue would include landowner betterment assessments in the amount of \$90,000.00 as requested by the property owners. (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting) **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 24 WAS MOVED BY SELECTMAN LESSARD AND SECONDED BY SELECTMAN MONGO.

MOTION TO TABLE THE ARTICLE WAS DEFEATED. BALLOT VOTE 141 YES 18 NO
ARTICLE PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 25

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget.

SELECTMAN MONGO MOVED THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF SEVEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$7,263,644.00) FOR THE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE TOWN WHICH INCLUDES ARTICLES 16-24. SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HUGHES.

NO DISCUSSION ON THE ARTICLE. PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote a "Special Warrant Article" to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for a local Main Street Program, provided that the Town is selected for inclusion in the New Hampshire Main Street Program. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI. The appropriation will not lapse for three (3) years. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 26 WAS MOVED BY SELECTMAN HUGHES AND SECONDED BY SELECTMAN LESSARD.

ROGER NASH SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE ARTICLE.

ARTICLE PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A VOICE VOTE.

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ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a short-term lease purchase agreement in the amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) payable over a two to three year term for the purpose of leasing a Dump Truck for the Department of Public Works. There is no funding requirement for this lease in the current year. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 27 WAS MOVED BY MR. LESSARD AND SECONDED BY MRS. MONGO. THERE WERE QUESTIONS IF THIS WAS SECOND TRUCK. MR. RUSSELL EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE OF AN ENGINE GOING THIS SECOND TRUCK IS NEEDED SOONER THAN ANTICIPATED.

MODERATOR DECLARED THE ARTICLE PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to support the Winnepesaukee Skating Club, a non-profit organization, in its efforts to construct an ice arena in Laconia to provide recreational opportunities for Lakes Region families, with said appropriation authorized pursuant to RSA 31:4. (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith) **Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 28 WAS MOVED BY MICHAEL BOUDREAU AND SECONDED BY PAT BOUDREAU. AFTER DISCUSSION PRO AND CON THE MODERATOR WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE VOICE VOTE AND CALLED FOR A HAND VOTE.

61 YES 56 NO DECLARED PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town of Meredith will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the Youth Services Bureau's Court Diversion services for first offenders (an effective alternative to the juvenile court system) and other youth oriented programs, i.e. The Challenge Course and CHINS Diversion. (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith) **Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 29 WAS MOVED BY SHIRLEY GLINES AND SECONDED BY PRISCILLA FLETCHER. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION THE ARTICLE WAS DEFEATED BY A VOICE VOTE.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:30 PM

ATTEST: PAULINE L. FOURNIER
MEREDITH TOWN CLERK

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Assessing Department

Lena Watson Bolton, Assessor

The 1996 assessment update was successful with the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration showing Meredith assessments at 101% of market value as of April 1, 1996. At this December writing, the preliminary sale and assessment data for the 1997 tax year shows the assessments will be near 100% of the market value.

Since coming to the Assessing Department in 1994, one of my primary objectives has been to have information readily available to the public. This year I have made a sales booklet with a wall map showing properties that have sold in Meredith. The booklet and map have the previous years sold properties plus up to date sales for the current year.

The State Legislature made some changes to property tax abatement refunds and the filing date for the elderly exemption. House Bill #201 allows Selectmen or Assessors to apply all or a portion of the amount of any taxes abated, to any outstanding taxes owed by the taxpayer to the municipality. The taxpayer must be notified of the amount credited against the outstanding taxes and the date the credit was recorded. Senate Bill #143 authorizes a municipality to change the date for filing an application for an elderly exemption from March 1 to August 1 prior to the setting of the tax rate. At the 1998 Town Meeting, one of the warrant articles will be to change the filing date to August 1.

Buildings & Grounds Department

Walter Morton, Supervisor

The Buildings & Grounds Department continues to maintain all Town owned property including sport fields, parks, beaches, docks, and buildings. In 1997, we rebuilt the guardrail flower boxes on Route 3 and painted the guardrail on Waukewan Street. We built 10 picnic tables and placed them throughout the Town parks. A disease resistant Liberty Elm Tree donated by the Boy Scouts was planted in Childs Park. We also planted a lilac bush, a cherry tree and two chanticleer pear trees in Main Street Community Park. The Department was busy with pruning, mulching and watering the beautiful flowers.

The Department was extremely busy clearing the three trails in Waukewan Highlands Community Park and appreciates the many volunteers from local service organizations, Boy Scout Troop #55, residents, other town employees and the Americorps Volunteers that helped to complete the trails. A special Thank you to the Boy Scouts who donated \$4,000.00 to be used for the improvements to the park. This 178-acre Park is open year round for hiking, walking, cross-country skiing and limited hunting.

Conservation Commission

Merritt Webb, Chairman

In 1997, we handled forty-two Dredge and Fill applications along with easement inspections. We had a change in Commissioners: John Sherman and Robert LeCount have replaced Lucie LaPlante and Phyllis Hamblet. We thank Lucie and Phyllis for their time and assistance.

Work in progress for 1998 is Phase II of The Hamlin Recreation and Conservation area off Chemung Road. Brenda L. Brown is our new consulting Forester for this work.

Finance Department

Jeffrey C. Towne, CPA
Finance Director

The Finance Department handles a multitude of projects on a yearly basis along with being responsible for the day to day financial operations of the Town. If not for the dedicated municipal office staff my job would be impossible. I want to thank each and every one of them for their hard work and abilities.

The Board of Selectmen adopted an investment policy for the Town this year as required by state statutes. The investment policy describes pooling of funds to maximize return on investments, safety aspects of investments, liquidity, and yield. The policy also details what types of institutions and investment vehicles the Town may utilize.

The municipal portion of the tax rate remained stable in 1997. Even though we kept the municipal portion of the tax rate stable, we were able to accomplish a great deal of projects in 1997 through the various departments of the Town. I refer you to the department reports for those details.

I am proud to report that the Town did not have to borrow in anticipation of taxes this year or last. By not borrowing, we were able to save \$20,000 that was appropriated for interest expense this year.

In closing, I really enjoy being a part of this community and am proud to say that I work for the Town of Meredith. I am always available to answer any questions that you may have regarding the financial status of the Town.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Fire Department

Charles G. Palm, Fire Chief

Our department was very active in 1997, not just in terms of the number of responses but also in many other areas. With respect to responses, the number of calls decreased slightly from last year as can be seen when reviewing the past four years: 1994 - 230; 1995 - 214; 1996 - 270 and 1997 - 259. The 1997 calls included 13% associated with fires (building, vehicle and brush); 14% were mutual aid calls (where our department responded to assist other neighboring towns); 26% were rescue calls (where our assistance was needed to help extricate victims of auto accidents, help transport individuals with medical needs from the many islands, etc.) and 47% were calls involving alarm activation's or other forms of public assistance). Fortunately most of the calls included in this last category ended up without any misfortune; unfortunately, many of them could have been avoided by doing small things like changing the battery in a smoke or carbon monoxide detector.

Staying on the subject of detectors - both smoke and carbon monoxide, we would be remiss in not emphasizing the value that both of these types of detectors have in saving lives and otherwise avoiding personal injury. One cannot put a price on a human life and for just a few dollars, the purchase and installation of both of these types of detectors could result in the saving of a loved one. Once installed a regular routine of changing the batteries should be initiated - have you checked yours lately????

Many of you may have read in the newspaper that the local Rotary Club was very generous and donated an ice rescue boat to the Department. Fortunately, we have not had to use the boat other than for training purposes; however, the boat's availability gives us the capability of performing rescues in both a more efficient and safer manner.

Several Departments members were promoted in the officer ranks this year. Roger Hawkins and Tom Joslin were promoted to Second and Third Assistant Chiefs, joining Andre Kloetz, who is the Department's First Assistant Chief. Bill Tagget and Sandy Ambrose were promoted to Lieutenants. We also had several residents in Town step forth and join the Department. This is very gratifying as it does take a special type of person to make the commitment to volunteer and take the time necessary to become proficient to help others during their emergency. In addition, a big Thank You needs to go out to the many businesses that allow their employees to leave their work assignments to help.

Training was an important aspect of the Department's activities this year. Many of the members completed courses in CPR, Emergency Care, Incident Command and Arson Awareness.

Fire Department continued...

During 1998, as you pass by the stations, you may see the lights on late at night with a number of autos parked in the yard, this is probably associated with a number of courses that will be offered to the Department members.

In closing, all of us in the Department wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Auxiliary in their special support of our needs. We are also truly appreciative of the spouses and families of our firefighters for their support and understanding. To the residents of Meredith, we say Thank You and have a safe 1998.

Forest Fires

Roy E. Howe, Sr., Forest Fire Warden

The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection along with reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

1997 Fire Statistics

Fires reported by County

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	<u>19</u>
Total Fires	726
Total Acres	177

Causes of fires reported

Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	3
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
Fireworks	16
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

General Assistance Department

Jeffrey Towne, General Assistance Director

On December 15, 1997, the Board of Selectmen revised the General Assistance Guidelines for the Town of Meredith. These Guidelines were adopted in accordance with RSA 165. The Guidelines define and explain the process by which residents and others who are in need or unable to support themselves may apply for assistance. The Guidelines also define the applicant's role and responsibilities regarding eligibility.

In 1997, the Town assisted forty clients living in the Town of Meredith.

1997 General Assistance Department Expenses

Rent	10,069
Electric	1,170
Heat	853
Pharmacy	347
Food	342
Other	8
Total	<u>12,789</u>

I appreciate the cooperation of the Community Action Program, local Churches, Service organizations and residents who have been instrumental in assisting the Town's people this year.

Also available is the New Hampshire HELP LINE, a 24 hour telephone service which provides:

- Assistance in locating basic needs such as food, housing, financial assistance, utilities, etc.
- Assistance in locating emergency shelter.
- Help for families facing eviction.
- Crisis aid involving suicide, child or adult abuse, domestic violence, alcohol or drug abuse.
- Assistance for unemployed people.
- Information and assistance on Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap, and Long Term Care Insurance for NH's elders and disabled.
- Referrals to appropriate agencies for help in solving any problem.

Call toll-free, 24 hours, 7 days a week, 1-800-852-3388.

Meredith Public Library

Lydia M. Torr, Library Director

Marilyn E. Rushton, Assistant Director

Kudos to Grace Ainsworth, Susan Brackett, and Judy Hodges, our computer team, for making a dream come true! In December the Meredith Public Library completed the final phase of the automation project and is now fully automated. Thank you to Trustees, staff and volunteers as well for many long, intense hours of support and training to make these plans a reality.

WELCOME! To our 335 new patrons registering in 1997. Hurrah for our youngsters who read 7,156 books over the summer months. YES! To our ghosts and goblins, summer and school theatre groups for borrowing 939 costumes!

We are proud to be of service for a number of tried and true procedures as well as meeting unique needs. You, our taxpayers, allow this to happen so that we may continue to improve and become stronger in serving you all. Thank you for helping us fulfill our vision for Meredith Public Library.

1997 Annual Circulation

Audio Visual Materials	21,673
Books	87,152
Books and Periodicals	90,501
Costumes	939
Interlibrary Loans	1,975
Periodicals	3,349
Reference Questions Answered	2,524
Registered Borrowers	4,455
 Total Circulation	 115,088

Acquisitions

Audio Visuals	273
Books	1,914
Gifts	563
Lost/Discarded	1,839
 Total Inventory	 31,766

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Planning & Zoning Department

John C. Edgar, Town Planner

John W. Dever, Jr., Code Enforcement Officer

Mary Lee Harvey, Clerk

Planning Board Application Summary – 1997

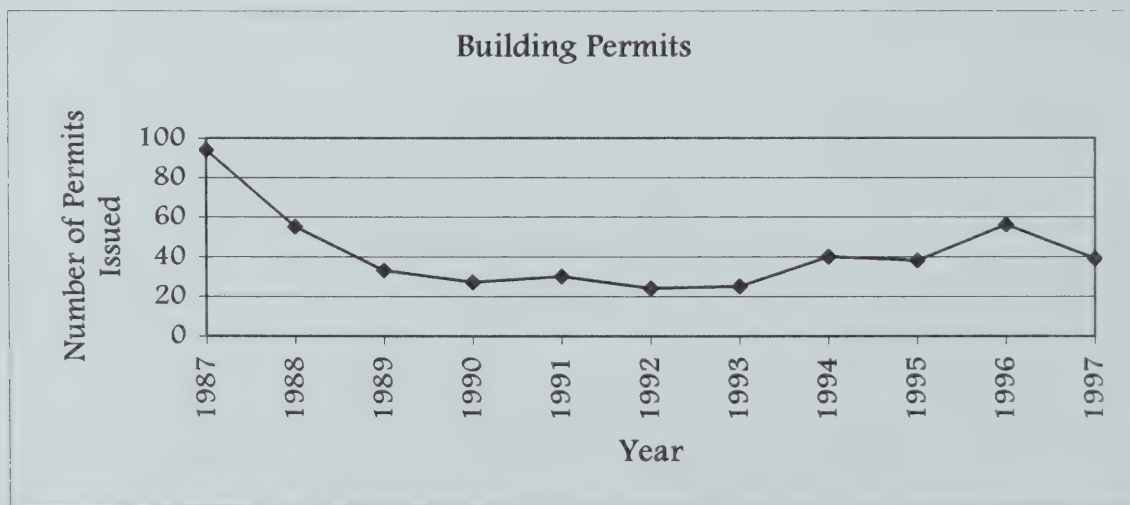
Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	20	Pre-Application Consultations	10
Home Occupancy Site Plan Approvals	2	Scenic Road Tree Cutting Approvals	0
Subdivision Approvals	5	Application Withdrawals	4
Boundary Line Adjustment Approvals	10	Revocation and/or Disapprovals	0

Zoning Board Summary – 1997

Variance Applications	26	Special Exceptions Granted	41
Variances Granted	20	Special Exceptions Denied	4
Variances Denied	6	Administrative Decision Appeal	1
Applications Withdrawn	1	Administrative Decision Appeals Granted	1
Special Exception Applications	45	Rehearing Requests Granted	1

Building Permit Activity – 1997

New Single-Family Homes	39	Garages/Storage Buildings	39
Mobile Homes	11	Renovations & Repairs	142
Demolition	12	Driveways	18
Fences	6	Docks/Dock Repairs	23
Swimming Pools	4	Other Structures/Renovations	6



Police Department

John P. Curran, Chief

Once again, we are closing out another year and preparing for a New Year. With each of the passing years, we can look over our accomplishments and plan for more and greater challenges throughout the coming year. We must remain ever vigilant, staying ahead of the myriad of new laws and decisions that guide our daily operation. I am proud to report over the last nineteen years we have continued to remain in a leadership position with many of our officers holding critical positions in various state organizations.

The main emphasis of the Meredith Police Department is to provide the best service, with the lowest cost. With the continued support of our citizens we shall continue to provide the service that I believe that our citizens want and need. Your support is appreciated and I thank you for it. We will continue to work with the other town departments to provide full services to the residents and visitors to our community.

I would like to thank Officer Bonnie Calzada for her twenty years of service to the Town of Meredith. Throughout her tenure she earned the respect of her peers with her skills in the investigation and prosecution of sexual abuse cases. We all wish her well in her future endeavors.

Lastly, as Chairman for the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial I would be remiss if I did not mention the support the community has given me in leading the Memorial Committee. With our loss of three officers throughout the State this past year, it has been made clear that we must recognize the efforts of these fallen officers and the sacrifices of the families of these officers.

	1994	1995	1996	1997
Calls for Service	18,620	23,634	25,189	27,162
Warnings / Checkups	1,011	1,253	1,481	1,593
Summonses	163	535	304	402
Arrests	206	276	244	301

Police Department ~ Animal Control

Lawrence E. Swain, Animal Control Officer

Dogs licensed	997	Service calls	646
Shelter trips	329	Bites reported	39

NH RSA 466:1 requires that all owners and keepers of dogs three months old or over to be licensed annually by April 30th by the Town Clerk. Rabies has been reported in the State of New Hampshire and it is important that your pets are vaccinated for the protection of the animal as well as the public.

Public Works Department

Michael Faller, Public Works Director

The Department of Public Works went through a major transition in the year of 1997. Barry P. Cotton, Director of Public Works for ten years, left to pursue other employment opportunities. We appreciate and thank Barry for his dedication and service to the Community. In May of 1997, Monica Bennett was hired as the General Office Clerk of Public Works. George Gline, retired Public Works Director from Lebanon, filled in as Interim Director for Meredith Public Works for several months, leading the crew through the summer season. Thank you to Leland Whiting who retired this year and William "Chappy" Chapman who left to pursue other employment opportunities. We welcome Peter Bushnell as our new Heavy Equipment Operator and Richard Jaynes as our new Truck Driver.

The winter of 1997-98 started off with a bang! We experienced seven snowstorms in November! With my having only 3 days as the new Director before the first storm hit, the crew pulled together and did what they do best - keeping the roads safe! The two new Kenworths were a welcome addition to the fleet this year.

Several road projects were completed this year, including the reconstruction of Tracy Way and Old Barn Road, and the paving of Eaton Avenue, Winona Shores, Philbrook Avenue and Veasey Shores. The summer was busy with routine road maintenance, gravel road grading and dust control, brush and weed cutting and mowing, installation of new culverts and catch basins.

At the Community Park on Main Street, the canal footbridge was relocated, and the new parking lot was constructed and paved next to the Waukegan Canal. The crews were able to salvage blocks of granite from the basement of the old Sheafe House in Center Harbor to be used within the next year for refurbishing the Waukegan Canal.

The Public Works Department would like to extend our thanks for your continued support throughout the year.



Recreation Department

Cheryl A. Saltzberg, Recreation Director

The Parks and Recreation Department had a busy year offering a variety of activities for all ages. Participation in the programs continue to increase each year. There were over 150 youth that participated in the summer swimming lessons and there were 30 dedicated members on the Meredith Swim Team. The Department offered a variety of trips for senior citizens that were well attended and we plan on continuing these trips in the future. The concerts held on various Saturday evenings at Hesky Park throughout the summer were enjoyed by many on land and by water. This summer, we plan on offering some concerts in Community Park on Main Street as well as in Hesky Park.

Based upon a request from a Meredith Citizen, the Board of Selectmen established a "Community Center Fund". Donations to the fund are tax deductible in the year that the voters of the Town approve the Community Center Project. Donations, made payable to the Town of Meredith, can be sent to the Finance Department located at the Municipal Office Building.

The Annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony continues to grow each year. New for 1997 was the musical entertainment throughout the afternoon in Community Park on Main Street and lighting "Indian Island." A special thank you to The Plymouth School, The Inter-Lakes Elementary School Recess Singers, Jr. Girl Scout Troop 561, and the Inter-Lakes High School band and chorus for the festive music.

On behalf of the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, thank you to the citizens and other departments for making 1997 another successful year.

Featured in this picture is a Meredith Parks & Recreation youth soccer team with Coach Glenn Hart. God Bless Glenn!

Glenn Hart
1953-1998



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Solid Waste Department

Michael Faller, Director of Public Works

The Solid Waste Facility had a busy and successful year in 1997. We installed a new waste oil furnace that was purchased through a grant from the State of New Hampshire. By utilizing waste oil, the Town's cost for propane was cut in half.

The new drop off locations for both leaves and brush has made it easier for users. We do ask that users of the facility please help us by not mixing contaminants in with leaves or brush. I would like to remind people that wood chips are FREE here at the Recycling Center. Please ask for assistance.

Solid waste decals (expiring 5-31-99) are still available at the Municipal Town Office or at the Solid Waste Facility. A decal is required on your vehicle in order to use the Facility.

Due to increased hauling fees in 1997, the Town went out to bid for a five-year transportation contract to haul our waste. ASTRO Waste Services was awarded the contract resulting in a savings to the Town.

We welcome Thomas Dow, Jr. as a new employee to the Solid Waste crew. I would like to thank the dedicated employees and all of the citizens of both Meredith and Center Harbor for their continued support and cooperation of the Solid Waste and Recycling Facility.

Tax Collector's Department

Valerie "Vikki" Fogg, Deputy Tax Collector

The improvement in the local economy is reflected in the collection of the property taxes for the municipality. The percentage of collections at the end of 1997 was 93.1%. This represents the highest collection of taxes in over ten years.

After April 1st, the Town accepts payments towards property taxes. If property owners are delinquent in their tax payments, they should contact Valerie (Vikki) Fogg, the Deputy Tax Collector, at 279-4538, to make payment arrangements. Partial payments towards delinquent taxes reduce the amount of interest due and the burden to the taxpayer.

Town Clerk Department

Pauline L. Jones, Town Clerk

Sheila M. Vachon, Deputy Town Clerk

Pauline L. Fournier retired in 1997 after 27 years of service. Although we will miss Pauline, we wish her a happy retirement. The Department continues to run smoothly and efficiently with the assistance of Sheila M. Vachon, newly appointed Deputy Town Clerk. Our Department is here to assist you in any way possible and we encourage you to call us if you need assistance.

The 1997 Town Clerk Department Collections were as follows:

Auto Registrations (8,912)	\$744,781.00
Dogs (998)	8,953.50
Miscellaneous total:	<u>11,592.97</u>
Total	\$765,327.47

Miscellaneous includes: UCC Filings, Marriage Licenses, Vital Record Copies, Aquatherm Permits, Dredge & Fill Permits, Mailings, Notary/Justice Fees.

Water and Sewer Departments

Robert Hill, Superintendent

Once again it has been a very productive year for the Water and Sewer Departments. Along with routine operations, highlights include the installation of three new water main isolation gates, the replacement of two fire hydrants and rebuilding of eight fire hydrants. Four water main breaks were repaired. All EPA and State testing was complied with and some waivers were granted to allow for reduced monitoring.

Four sewer main breaks were repaired, and 250 feet of sewer collection main was relined. Wagon Wheel Trail and Waukegan Street sewer extensions were constructed. New water, telephone and electrical services were installed in Hesky Park. The Reservoir Dam and Wicwas Dam were brought up to State compliance.

On behalf of the Water and Sewer Department employees, I would like to thank you for your support, and look forward to another active year in 1998.

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School

Connie Pelletier, Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to once again thank the Town of Meredith for their continued financial support to our agency for residents of Meredith. We greatly appreciate your support.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, Inc. is a private, non-profit, state licensed, non-denominational, tax-exempt community childcare agency incorporated in October 1971, and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. In the exercise of its charter powers, the Agency aims to promote child development and family support for working parents through comprehensive infant, toddler, preschool, and school age developmentally appropriate curriculum for children six weeks through twelve years old.

Our Center is open year round from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM in one site and 6:00 PM in the other, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. Services include full and part time child care, morning preschool programs, school based extended day programs, vacation day camp programs, summer day camp programs, and U.S.D.A. approved hot meals and snacks. Through the State of New Hampshire under Title XX we are able to provide sliding fee scale tuition based on income level and family size. It is available for purposes of employment, training and pursuit of degrees or certificate programs, job search, and temporary disability.

Additional services include sponsorship of the Inter-Lakes Family Daycare Nutrition Program; a group of 35 licensed home day care providers who receive federal reimbursement from U.S.D.A, by serving approved meals and snacks while providing care for children of working parents.

Lakes Region Association

Sandra J. Mucci, Executive Director

The Lakes Region Association (LRA) published and distributed 150,000 Winter Getaways Brochures, 130,000 Where to... vacation guides and 1,000,000 Lakes Region Map & Guides. Matching grants from the State of NH were used to help with the printing and distribution and the national advertising campaign.

The LRA hosted travel writers and tour operators from Europe and the US. A highlight was a group of independent agents from the United Kingdom, an article in Connecticut Magazine on “antiquing” in the Lakes Region and several guidebooks on inns, arts and crafts and shopping.

There were two major project additions this year. The launching of the Lakes Region Web site which includes information on all the towns in the region has been highly successful and popular. There are plans to expand the services this year and all regional calendars of events are included. The second was the beginning of a photo library for the region. This is necessary so when a story is being written on the Lakes Region, a photo is available.

The LRA assisted the Lakes Region Planning Commission, the Lakes Region Heritage Round Table, and Sister Lakes and many other organizations when information on tourism was needed.

Meredith hosted the Governors Regional Task Force meeting in August. The Lakes Region had the largest turn out for the regional meeting of the 6 regions!

Lakes Region Community Services Council

Stephen C. Maguire, Assistant Executive Director

Throughout the past year, Lakes Region Community Services Council has continued to serve those Meredith residents who have a developmental disability. Services such as: residential, vocational, family support and transportation have long become an inherent part of their lives. Our transportation system “Greater Laconia Transit Agency” (GLTA) serves the general public with a growing ridership, while continuing to meet its core mission by providing the specialized transportation needs of disabled individuals. These needs involve daily round trip service between home and a variety of vocational programs. Funding from the town, has been, and will continue to be, earmarked for support for this transportation system.

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Lakes Region Family Service Association, Inc.

Robert Bossdorf, Executive Director

Lakes Region Family Service Assn., Inc. is a private, non-profit social service agency dedicated to strengthening all families by establishing programs to promote healthy relationships among adults, parents and their children. Lakes Region Family Service has been offering quality programs to individuals and families of Meredith and the Lakes Region for over 27 years from our primary location in Laconia, NH. Our mission is to support and empower families.

The agency has five core programs which include Counseling for children, teens, adults and families; Parent/Child, Family, Peer, Marital and Tenant/Tenant Mediations; Family Support, including Parent Aide, Home/School and Supervised Visitation Programs; Child Advocacy and the Family Life Institute which offers a wide variety of Parenting Education, Workshops and Therapy Groups for children, teens and adults.

Counseling Services are offered with a sliding scale fee or insurance reimbursement. Evening and Saturday hours are available. Child Advocacy services for children under the age of 18 who have been emotionally, physically or sexually abused and their non-offending parents are paid for by a VOCA grant. Parent/Child, Family and Peer Mediations are also grant funded. Other services are offered at affordable rates.

Lakes Region Family Service is committed to offering quality services that are both accessible and affordable to individuals throughout the Lakes Region. Anyone interested in further information about our programs, please call Lakes Region Family Service at 524-5835.

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Kimon Koulet, Executive Director

The Lakes Region Planning Commission is a voluntary, non-profit association of local governments formed for the purpose of bringing area municipalities together. By associating and pooling resources, local governments have access to a highly trained professional staff for a wide variety of services. The LRPC works to benefit the member communities and the region overall. The LRPC has expertise in land use and transportation planning, master planning, environmental planning, capital improvement programming, economic and community development, housing, fiscal and environmental impact analysis, geographic information systems, household hazardous waste collections, engineering and site plan review. Circuit rider planning and public facilitation services are also available from the Commission.

Your support helps the LRPC maintain a regional presence working on behalf of all local governments in the Lakes Region. Over the past year the LRPC:

- Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues.
- Presented a public workshop for local land use boards and the public on the application of biosolids.
- Represented the region on the NH Heritage Trail Advisory Committee.
- Continued to update the digital regional land use map using geographic information system technology.
- Developed an informational brochure on Access Management techniques that municipalities can use to improve vehicle movement and safety along our roadways.
- Coordinated the 12th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection, the largest single day, multi-site collection in New Hampshire.
- Provided support and helped shape area economic development policy as a board member of the Belknap County Economic Development Council. Received funding to support regional economic development from the NH Community Development Finance Authority.
- Retained regional interest in locating a state sponsored conference facility in the Lakes Region.

We look forward to serving Meredith in the future. Feel free to contact us at 279-8171 whenever we can be of assistance.

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Meredith Chamber of Commerce

Susan Cerutti, Executive Director

The Meredith Chamber of Commerce consists of over two hundred and seventy businesses who are organized to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of Meredith and its trade area. While many of the activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership.

The major marketing effort of the Chamber in 1997 was the placement of display ads in national magazines designed to entice people to visit the area and the production and distribution of a four color, high quality brochure. The 1997 brochure was distributed at high traffic tourist attractions in Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, at corporate locations in New England and New York, and in the hotels in the Greater Boston area.

The brochures are also at the State rest area and the Manchester Airport Visitor Center and were mailed out in response to inquiries received at the Chamber.

The Information Center was open daily from May through October and visitors to the Center found a wide array of promotional literature. Staffing the Center in 1997 were Doris Stone, Lloyd Sprague, Jean Greenlaw, Tinka Knighton, Molly Landrigan, and Ruth McHugh. In November the Chamber relocated its office and Information Center to: 272 Daniel Webster Highway.

Chamber sponsored events included the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, the Fourth of July Fireworks, Midnight Madness Sale, Christmas Open House, the Community Yard Sale, and the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting. Regular Business After Hours and Breakfast Forums were held and in 1997 the Chamber introduced the Business Passport Program designed to acquaint local employees with individual businesses.

The Chamber greatly appreciates the support of the community for its many activities and is especially appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from the various departments of the Town in carrying out its many projects.

Meredith Community Action Program

Prudence Tylenda, Area Director

The Meredith Community Action Program is a local, community based, nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of the elderly and low-income residents in the Town of Meredith.

During the past year, provided \$285,932 in services to Meredith residents. Our major concern has always been, and will continue to be, the delivery of needed services to the elderly, handicapped and low-income residents of the community. Some of the services we provide are administration of the Fuel Assistance Program, the Women, Infants and Children Program, congregate meals at the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, emergency food pantry and transportation. For more information, please contact 279-4096.

We wish to thank the Town of Meredith for it's continued support of CAP.

Meredith Historical Society

Helen Schnoebelen, President

The Meredith Historical Society continues to grow. With the much-appreciated support from the Town, we were again able to open our Main Street Museum on a daily basis last summer and early fall enabling our guests and community to enjoy the history of Meredith.

This year we will have a new look in the Main Street Museum with the addition of 100 feet of more display areas as all of our antique cases have been moved from the Pottle Meeting House Museum and are being used for permanent display.

On Winona Road the Pottle Meeting House is rapidly being readied for the Farm Museum. Our Farm Museum Director, Jim Belcher, and Farm Committee Member, Steve Beaumont, are in the process of building platforms and creating "the four seasons of farm life." It is truly an exciting venture. There is going to be a media room with hands on displays and videos of local farmers showing and teaching about the old tools and farm life of long ago.

We are excited and without your continued interest and support we could not achieve this. Thank you again for your support.

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Meredith Public Health Nursing Association

June A. Plummer, RN, Executive Director

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the residents of Meredith and our many volunteers for their continued strong support to our agency.

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Roland Anair, Ruth G. Beede, Gladys Bickford, Freeman Brooks, Sherman Carter, Carol Chatterton, Ethel Ellingwood, Theresa Giguere, Helene Gleason RN, Leon Hatch, Randall Kean, Delmar Miller, Ralph Samaha, Edwin Shaw, Kenneth Sorlien, Donald Stewart, Harry Wallace, Kenneth Whitney, Lucy Willard, Marion Williamson, and Betty J. Wood.

Services in Meredith during 1997:

2880 - RN Home Visits	924 - Office Visits	263 - Weekend Visits
194 - Physical Therapy	14 - Speech Therapy	71 - Occupational Therapy
2099 - Certified Nurses Aide	10 - Respiratory Therapy	

Meredith Public Health Nursing is a Medicare, Medicaid, BCBS approved and state licensed agency that provides skilled nursing, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, certified nurses aide, respiratory therapy and homemaker services to Meredith and Center Harbor residents.

New Beginnings

Kathy Keller, Director

On behalf of New Beginnings - A Women's Crisis Center, I would like to thank the Town of Meredith for its continued support. Your \$1,000.00 allocation for 1997 assisted us in providing emergency services, advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Publicity surrounding the issue of domestic and sexual violence and its devastating effects on families and children has resulted in a significant increase in requests for our services. Our records indicate that we had 34 contacts with Meredith residents in 1993, 55 contacts in 1994, 144 contacts in 1995 and 74 contacts in 1996. Our agency documented 2,144 requests for service in 1996 of which 173 contacts were residence unknown.

As you know, New Beginnings staffs a 24-hour crisis line solely with volunteers. We operate a full-time shelter for women and children and have safe homes for male victims; provide support and advocacy at courts, hospitals, police stations, and social service agencies.

New Beginnings continued

We are members of the statewide NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The Coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of state and federal contracts that provide subsidiary funding for member programs and advocates for legislative change that effects victims of domestic and sexual assault.

We greatly appreciate the solid support of the Meredith community. We are dedicated to human service, social responsibility and fiscal accountability. New Beginnings represents a very finite portion of the Meredith budget but the returns are immeasurable. We welcome your participation in our efforts to insure a world of safety for our children and ourselves. Volunteers are always needed and the opportunity to serve is fulfilling and satisfying.

New Hampshire Humane Society

Barry Walker, Executive Director

The 1997 totals of the number of animals brought to the New Hampshire Humane Society from your Town are as follows:

By your Animal Control Officer:

Dogs & Puppies:	60
Cats & Kittens:	18

From Residents:

Dogs & Puppies:	38
Cats & Kittens:	33
Stray dogs from Residents:	19
Residents other:	17

Total received from Residents:	107
Total number of all animals received:	185

Your Society's shelter has been inspected and licensed by the State and fulfills your animal shelter requirements. Every town has stray animal problems and we encourage your town and especially your Animal Control Officer to call upon us in 1998 if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Prescott Park Planning Committee

Paul R. Lessard, Selectman
Committee Chairman

In 1997, the Annual Town Meeting entertained a proposal from the Community Center Search Committee to construct a community center at Prescott Park. The proposal was defeated in part due to concerns that there first needed to be an overall plan for the park. In September, the Board of Selectmen charged a diverse, volunteer committee with the responsibility of developing an overall design for the park and related use recommendations. The committee was asked to not only look at the existing park, but also to look at the undeveloped, publicly owned land which connects the park with the Interlakes School Complex. The committee consists of Town representatives, league and club representatives, coaches and representatives from the School District.

The Committee has met on a regular basis since its inception. The Committee has gone about a methodical review of the needs of the community, the use, condition and limitations of existing facilities and the capability of the undeveloped land to support new facilities. The committee has recommended to the Board of Selectmen that approximately 8 ½ acres of land east of Hawkins Brook be developed for joint use by the Town, School District, the various leagues and the public at large. The new facility would include: one regulation baseball field, two multi-purpose fields (one of which would accommodate regulation soccer play) and six new tennis courts. In addition, a multi-purpose trail system would be located to connect the Town and School parcels for use by joggers, walkers, snowmobiles, team training, cross country skiing, etc.

Following the completion of this initial phase, the Committee has recommended that the Selectmen consider significant rehabilitation of various existing facilities at Prescott Park. This work would include the reconstruction of the three existing ball fields and possible improvements to the parking lot. The committee's concept plan also allocates space for a community center should the town desire to build one in the park at a later date.

The Committee has asked the Board of Selectmen to consider a \$500,000.00 bond issue in 1998 to construct the facilities outlined in Phase 1. If approved by Town Meeting, the project would proceed into the engineering and permitting phase this spring and summer. Construction of the new fields could begin as early as late Fall, 1998.

Meredith Community Plan

Christopher C. Whitcher, Selectman
Committee Chairman

The citizens of Meredith have begun the process of updating the existing Master Plan and have renamed it the Meredith Community Plan. The main purpose of the improved plan will be to assist local residents and community leaders in determining policy, procedure and appropriate action well into the 21st Century for both private and public land use.

A few of the overall objectives of the plan are to:

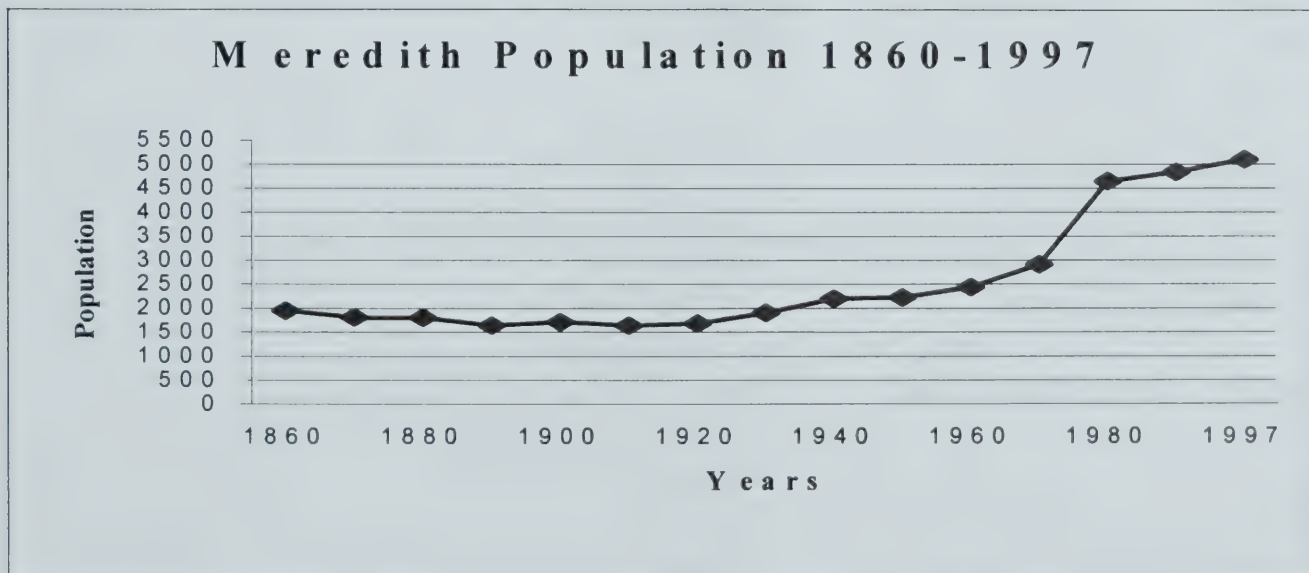
Keep the plan simple with an emphasis on community values, vision, and action;

Ensure compliance of the Town with NH RSA's and that the plan applies to the entire community; and

Utilize the planning process and the resulting plan as an educational opportunity and as a community resource.

Community planning can be achieved either by chance or by choice.

The members of the Coordination Committee look forward to the community's participation in the coming year to assure that the plan reflects the choices of the Town's citizens.



LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Meredith Organizations 1997 ~ 1998

Altrusa	Leslie Sturgeon	279-5525
American Legion Post #33	L. Michael Hatch	279-8503
Astra	Monica Bennett	279-8933
Baptist Church	Reverend Stephen Neill	279-8108
Boy Scout Troop/Cub Scouts #55	William Nunamacher	279-8707
Calvary Bible Church	Reverend Paul Bertolino	279-6025
Chamber of Commerce	Sue Cerutti	279-6121
Community Action Program	Prudence Tylanda, Director	279-4096
Congregational Church	Dr. John Betournay	279-6271
Ellacoya Chapter #43, OES	Doris LaVallee	279-8065
Episcopal Church	Reverend Robin Thomas	279-6689
InterLakes Arts & Crafts	Nancy LaFrance	279-8721
InterLakes Day Care Center	Connie Pelletier	279-8903
Lakes Region Conservation Trust	Tom Curren	279-3246
Lakes Region Symphony	Terry Hunter	279-3324
Lakeside Rebekah Lodge #34	Nancy LaFrance	279-8721
Latchkey Charities, Inc.	Chris Williams	279-6513
LR. Assembly of God	Pastor R. Bowden	279-6110
Meredith Historical Society	Helen Schnoebelen	279-8704
Meredith Kiwanis	Bill Goyotte	279-6411
Meredith Lions Club	Jack Carty	279-4140
Meredith Merchants Association	Caroline Russell	279-6222
Meredith Police Association	Kevin Morrow	279-4561
Meredith Public Health/Nursing	June Plummer	279-6611
Meredith Recreation & Economic Development	Linda Kelly	279-9015
Meredith Senior Center	Carol McCarthy	279-5631
Meredith Youth Baseball	Peter Fallon	279-6234
Meredith Youth Basketball	Jere Burrows	279-6396
Meredith Youth Soccer	Duncan Simons	279-7080
Meredith/InterLakes Alumni Assoc.	R. Joseph Dever	279-4345
Meredith/Laconia Arts & Crafts	Nancy Rowley	279-7920
Reach	Ann Plunkett	279-6734
Rotary Club	Richard Secord, Sr.	279-4479
Sno-Streakers Snowmobile Club	Tom Joslin	279-7726
St. Charles Catholic Church	Reverend Monsignor Pichette	279-4403
Swift Water Girl Scout Council	Pat Lincoln	476-5475

Vital Statistics



Anthony Allen Fontaine

First Baby
January 3, 1997

Town of Meredith ~ Births

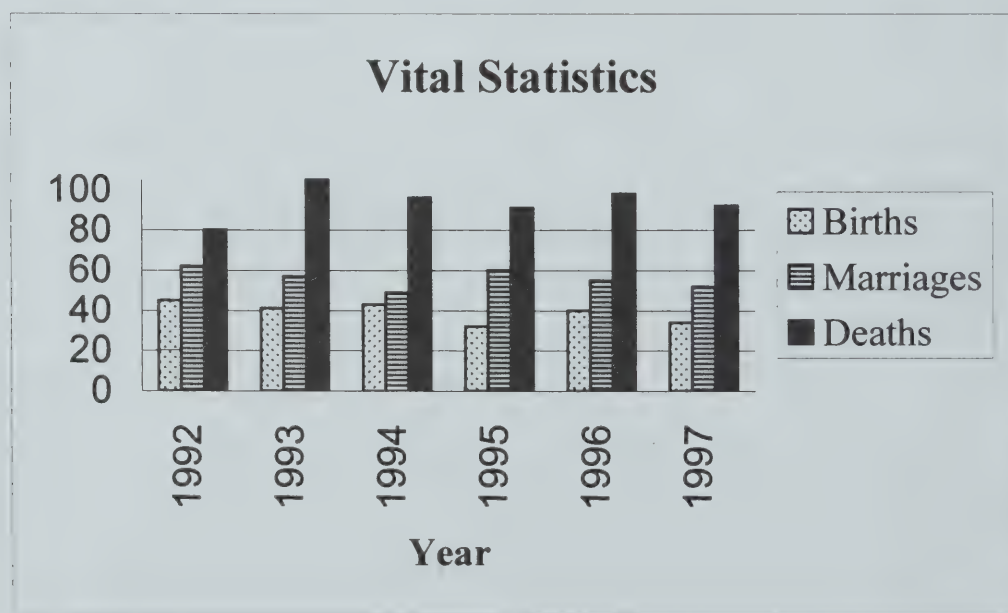
Date	Childs Name	Fathers Name	Mothers Name
01/03/97	Fontaine, Anthony A.	Fontaine, Wesley R.	Vachon, Victoria H.
01/13/97	Jencks, Keith Marshall	Jencks, Jr., Gregory P.	Cottrell, Jennifer A.
01/23/97	Dickinson, Kylie Ann	Dickinson, Timothy	Hurd, Stacey L.
01/24/97	Dow, Dillon James	Dow, William B.	Collins, Karen S.
02/13/97	Watson, Jacquelyn Alicia	Watson, William	LeClair, Judy A.
02/20/97	Morton, Jr., Justin John	Morton, Sr., Justin J.	Jackson, Melissa J.
02/28/97	Currier, Bridget Barrett	Currier, Andrew R.	Barrett, Judith K.
03/03/97	Pickering, Danielle Nichole	Pickering, Glenn A.	Tice, Anne M.
03/24/97	Blake, Alexander Brandon	Blake, Samuel R.	Pike, Rosie M.
03/25/97	Sorell, Elijah Lee	Sorell, Scott A.	Kimball, Katherine L.
03/29/97	Otis, Samuel Eugene	Otis, Robert E.	Rhodes, Theresa G.
04/11/97	Parker, David James	Parker, David E.	Potter, Keri A.
04/22/97	Ferland, Todd Michael	Ferland, David F.	Clark, Amanda B.
05/25/97	Kovacs, Ezra Gary James	Kovacs, Kevin J.	DeSlauriers, Shawna J.
05/27/97	Young, Elias Ross	Young, Erwin C.	Hampson, Inger M.
05/31/97	Folsom, Terri Etta	Folsom, Gregory J.	Hatcher, Sara J.
05/31/97	Taggett, Tyler Michael	Taggett, William C.	Pope, Christine A.
06/02/97	Miller, Katherine Leeann	Miller, Robert H.	Harrington, Wanda E.
06/23/97	Frank, Daniel Thomas	Frank, Scott W.	Duffer, Tracy L.
06/24/97	Redman, Jake Michael	Redman, Rodney A.	Dobens, Kristen
06/28/97	Wheeler, Gage Scott	Wheeler, Seth L.	Lewis, Beatrice A.
07/05/97	Parenteau, Brandon Robert	Parenteau, Jr., Eric V.	Porter, Melissa K.
08/01/97	Johnson, Mitchell Christopher	Johnson, III, Herbert E.	Smith, Heather M.
08/15/97	Pendergast, Emelia A.	Pendergast, Richard J.	Townsend, Lisa E.
08/27/97	Phu, Manson	Phu, Chi Vai	Chan, Yoong Lai
09/10/97	Currier, Sage Elmer	Currier, Harold E.	Cote, Carrie L.
09/15/97	Martel, Jacqueline Louise	Martel, Richard E.	Mitchell, Melody B.
10/06/97	Reistrom, Jason Alexander	Reistrom, John T.	Collins, Tracy L.
10/23/97	Ainsworth, Thomas Alexander	Ainsworth, Steven C.	Natola, Grace M.
11/30/97	Neggers, Marina Lynn	Neggers, Jeffrey R.	Lamudge, Janine M.
12/03/97	Aldrich, Molly Mae	Aldrich, David H.	Austin, Tammy A.
12/04/97	Galietta, Anthony Joseph	Galietta, Jr., Alfred E.	Carlson Lynn M.
12/04/97	Ambrose, David G.	Ambrose, Jeremy M.	Corso, Kathryn R.
12/11/97	Potter, Elija Bryan	Potter, Stephen	Baker, Amanda M.
12/31/97	Smith, Alexandra Lynn	Smith, Shawn A.	Foster, Wendy L.

Town of Meredith ~ Marriages

Date	Grooms Name	Grooms Residency	Brides Name	Brides Residency
01/22/97	Jones, Robert J.	Meredith, NH	Matthews, Sharon A.	Meredith, NH
02/12/97	Morton, Justin J.	Meredith, NH	Jackson, Melissa J.	Meredith, NH
02/14/97	Taggett, William C.	Meredith, NH	Pope, Christine A.	Meredith, NH
02/14/97	Hughes, Wayne	Millbury, MA	Arbo, Rebecca L.	Sherman Mills, ME
04/05/97	Bird Jr., John K.	Meredith, NH	Flores, Dana S.	Meredith, NH
04/25/97	Rhodes Jr., Edward P.	Plymouth, NH	Rich, Lori E.	Meredith, NH
04/26/97	Hughes, John F.	Meredith, NH	Bouvier, Suzanne M.	Meredith, NH
05/13/97	Mackie, Jonathan D.	Meredith, NH	Ferguson, Sue Ann	Meredith, NH
05/17/97	Nedeau, David J.	Meredith, NH	Johnson, Birgit S.	Meredith, NH
05/31/97	Houle, Donald P.	Plymouth, NH	Kennedy, Deborah R.	Meredith, NH
06/07/97	Connaughton, Patrick D.	Meredith, NH	Harvey, Ann Marie	Meredith, NH
06/07/97	Bluhm Jr., Bernard W.	Meredith, NH	Williams, Terry M.	Meredith, NH
06/21/97	Schneider, Kevin C.	Jersey City, NJ	Keenan, Karen L.	Meredith, NH
06/28/97	Bredbury, Eric T.	Meredith, NH	Willette, Heather M.	Meredith, NH
06/28/97	Detwiler, Douglas E.	Farmington, CT	Foley, Mary K.	Farmington, CT
06/28/97	Dwinell, Richard D.	Little Compton, RI	Woodhouse, Lilla C.	Little Compton, RI
07/05/97	Taylor, Jr., Kenneth J.	Meredith, NH	Hawkins, Heidi A.	Meredith, NH
07/19/97	Brough III, Earl J.	Meredith, NH	McCormack, Patricia R.	Meredith, NH
07/19/97	Latuch, John A.	Bristol, NH	Dale, Heather L.	Meredith, NH
07/20/97	Guay, James R.	Meredith, NH	Cox, Ellen M.	Meredith, NH
07/26/97	Thurber, Mark W.	Meredith, NH	Rockwell, Regina M.	Meredith, NH
08/02/97	Ballard, Jeffrey W.	Natick, MA	Gorman, Kathleen A.	Natick, MA
08/04/97	Richards, Robert D.	Stow, MA	Richardson, Ella A.	Stow, MA
08/14/97	Lingle, Andrew S.	Carbondale, IL	Wilson, Sarah K.	Carbondale, IL
08/16/97	Glennon, Patrick J.	Laurel, MD	Hale, Denise	Brookline, MA
08/16/97	Koufos, Christos D.	Somersworth, NH	Boyer, Tracy A.	Meredith, NH
08/16/97	Caverly Jr., James R.	Meredith, NH	Nelson, Kristina A.	East Hampstead, NH
08/16/97	Ballou, Carl A.	Meredith, NH	Perkins, Roberta A.	Meredith, NH
08/22/97	Watkins, Frank E.	Key Largo, FL	Hoyt, Mary E.	Key Largo, FL
08/23/97	Curtis Jr., Scott K.	Millis, MA	Kane, Valerie J.	Meredith, NH
08/29/97	Sullivan, Jeffrey P.	Dallas, TX	Gallagher, Michelle M.	Dallas, TX
08/29/97	Taylor, James L.	Meredith, NH	Paquin, Deborah A.	Meredith, NH

Town of Meredith ~ Marriages

Date	Grooms Name	Grooms Residency	Brides Name	Brides Residency
09/06/97	Cahill Jr., James B.	Norwood, MA	Harnois, Susan L.	Norwood, MA
09/07/97	Stich, Robert A.H.	Maumee, OH	Peace, Susanne E.	Maumee, OH
09/13/97	Valk Jr., Thomas	Portland, CT	Schempp, Dorothy A.	Portland, CT
09/26/97	Ballou, Daniel J.	Meredith, NH	Faris, Kimberly E.	Meredith, NH
09/27/97	Young, Stephen G.	Chicopee, MA	Bernier, Laurie L.	Chicopee, MA
10/03/97	Andrews, Anthony C.	St. Petersburg Beach, FL	McCannon, Lorena C.	Arnold, MD
10/04/97	Sherman, Scott D.	Redondo Beach, CA	Davis, Marjorie E.	Redondo Beach, CA
10/11/97	Levin, David	Thornton, NH	Ford, Kathy J.	Thornton, NH
10/11/97	Desisto, Robert W.	Deerfield Beach, FL	Stitt, Janice L.	Deerfield Beach, FL
10/11/97	Converse, Mark W.	Sandwich, NH	Lavery, Carol R.	Sandwich, NH
10/11/97	Burr, Michael S.	Meredith, NH	Grimaldi, Toni A.	Meredith, NH
10/12/97	Thomas, Danny R.	Meredith, NH	Bostder, Kimberly J.	Meredith, NH
10/18/97	Pond, William A.	Meredith, NH	Comstock, Patricia A.	Bristol, NH
10/18/97	Carpenter, David S.	Dallas, TX	Kinney, Meghan E.	Dallas, TX
10/18/97	Gable, Allen S.	Meredith, NH	Flanders, Cherylyn L.	Meredith, NH
10/19/97	Barbato, Edward L.	Meredith, NH	Morgan, Patricia	Meredith, NH
10/25/97	Hamblet, David C.	Meredith, NH	Clinton, Beth S.	Meredith, NH
11/01/97	Roberts, C. Richard	Meredith, NH	Pickard, Diana G.	Meredith, NH
11/15/97	Martin, James L.	Meredith, NH	Jenner, Arlena L.	Meredith, NH
11/29/97	Burgess, Harry C.	Meredith, NH	Laramée, Aimee L.	Meredith, NH



Town of Meredith ~ Deaths and Burials

Date	Age	Name	Where Died	Residency	Place of Burial
01/06/97	82	Lantange, Maude N.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Wheeler Hill Cemetery, Littleton, NH
01/06/97	92	Ellsworth, Ella K.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, NH
01/09/97	75	Whitney, Kenneth A.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
01/14/97	85	Berry, Marion J.	Meredith, NH	Ctr. Harbor, NH	
01/19/97	85	Conway, Lillian F.	Norwell, MA	Meredith, NH	St. Joseph's Cemetery, Boston, MA
01/21/97	91	Willard, Lucy F.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	St. Joseph's Cemetery, W. Roxbury, MA
01/22/97	90	D'Amore, Rose A.	Plymouth, NH	Meredith, NH	Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Tenaflly, NJ
01/25/97	95	Davidson, Florence M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Ctr. Conway Cemetery, Ctr. Conway, NH
01/26/97	83	Stephenson, Lucy S.	Meredith, NH	Laconia, NH	Bayside Cemetery, Laconia, NH
01/30/97	77	Peranelli, Elizabeth M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith Ctr., NH
02/02/97	75	Ehl, James D.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
02/07/97	73	Deveau, Esther C.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
02/08/97	87	French, Frances B.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
02/08/97	94	Briggs, Ruth S.	Pennsbury, PA		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
02/15/97	89	Haskins, Maud	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Forest Hill Cemetery, Derry, NH
02/19/97	96	Gordon, Marjorie J.	Laconia, NH		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
02/23/97	73	Milliken, Bernice I.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
02/28/97	30	Carpenter, Spartacus L.	Meredith, NH	Hartford, CT	St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bristol, CT
03/03/97	76	Whiting, Willard R.	Concord, NH		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
03/03/97	87	Jenkins, George A.	Meredith, NH	Manchester, NH	
03/03/97	70	Heine, Guenther E.	Laconia, NH	Laconia, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith Ctr., NH
03/07/97	89	Vignand, Francis H.	Meredith, NH	Westbury, NY	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
03/09/97	93	Cote, Marjorie M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Greengrove Cemetery, Ashland, NH
03/22/97	87	Enright, Gordon M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Calvary Cemetery, Concord, NH
03/26/97	72	McGee, Marion F.	Meredith, NH	Laconia, NH	Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford, CT
03/26/97	82	Creelman, Mildred H.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
04/07/97	91	Johnson, Hans Victor	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Mt. Calvary Mousoleum, Manchester, NH
04/18/97	87	Hart, Lottie E.	Laconia, NH		Oakland Cemetery, Meredith Ctr., NH
04/18/97	58	Shipley, Cecelia M.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
04/25/97	69	Kitchen, John S.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
04/29/97	55	Taylor, Carolyn M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH

Town of Meredith ~ Deaths and Burials

Date	Age	Name	Where Died	Residency	Place of Burial
05/02/97	74	Samaha, Ralph Joseph	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
05/06/97	20	Haskins, Eric James	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
05/09/97	88	Vignand, Lillian F.	Meredith, NH	M'boro, NH	Holland Hill Cemetery, Moultonboro, NH
05/12/97	96	Eilert, Katherine E.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Pine Grove Cemetery, W. Kennebunk, ME
05/20/97	72	Mears, Robert L.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover, MA
05/21/97	71	LaBraney, Chester A.	Ctr. Harbor, NH	Ctr. Harbor, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
05/23/97	75	Dolloff, Lawrence S.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith Ctr., NH
05/25/97	75	Hughes, SR. John C.	Laconia, NH		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
05/29/97	78	Goldman, Meyer	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
05/31/97	81	Tiffany, Robert	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
06/03/97	84	Cortash, James	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
06/04/97	94	Ouellet, Nena S.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Blair Cemetery, Campton, NH
06/13/97	56	Juneau, Albert L.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
06/13/97	73	Taylor, Elizabeth A.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
06/19/97	86	Sullivan, George A.	Meredith, NH	Bartlett, NH	Bartlett Village Cemetery, Bartlett, NH
06/19/97	84	Morgan, Norman K.	Manchester, NH	Meredith, NH	
06/19/97	79	Dorais, Edgar W.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
06/20/97	93	Rothemund, Geneva L S.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
06/28/97	93	Pelon, Emily M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
06/29/97	79	Andrews, Elizabeth T.	Meredith, NH	Ctr. Harbor, NH	St. Patricks Cemetery, Lowell, MA
06/30/97	85	Chase, Everett R.	N. Conway, NH	N. Conway, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith Ctr., NH
07/04/97	88	Kean, Randall C.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
07/13/97	87	Gault, Dora M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn, MA
07/13/97	57	Sleeper, Lester S.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Scared Heart Cemetery, Laconia, NH
07/13/97	103	O'Hearn, Florence R.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
07/27/97	88	Griffith, Ruth A.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Blair Cemetery, Campton, NH
08/05/97	97	Ellingwood, Ethel M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, N. Umberland, NH
08/08/97		Cramer, Wesley D.	Volusia, FL	Volusia, FL	North Umberland Cemetery, Groveton, NH
08/10/97	74	Blake, Jacqueline P.	Laconia, NH	Laconia, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
08/15/97	69	Puckett, Noah F.	Laconia, NH	Laconia, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
08/19/97	95	Hounsell, Louise C.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith Ctr., NH

Town of Meredith ~ Deaths and Burials

Date	Age	Name	Where Died	Residency	Place of Burial
08/22/97	66	Burr, Theodore S.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Blair Cemetery, Campton, NH Oakland Cemetery, Meredith Ctr., NH
08/25/97	91	Bean, Margaret R.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
08/31/97	4 months	Ferland, Todd M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
09/07/97	17	Reed, Sean L.	Gilford, NH	Laconia, NH Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith Ctr., NH
09/10/97	74	Weeks, Carroll R.	Meredith, NH		Blossom Hill Cemetery, Concord, NH
09/14/97	81	Burr, Hugh	Laconia, NH		Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, MA
09/15/97	75	Pickering, Ernest R.	Belmont, NH		Oakland Cemetery, Meredith Ctr., NH
09/17/97	81	Williams, Mary	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Rattlesnake Island, Alton, NH
09/22/97	72	McCarthy, Robert L.	Meredith, NH	Alton, NH	
10/05/97	91	Sheetz, Grant	Meredith, NH	Glencoe, MD	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
10/07/97	77	Ambrose, Paul T. (Bud)	Holderness, NH	Meredith, NH	
10/16/97	71	Tuttle, Lewis	Skowhegan, ME	Skowhegan, ME	
10/29/97	93	Parsons, David D.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
11/02/97	52	Tremblay, Roger A.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Green Grove Cemetery, Ashland, NH Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn, MA
11/07/97	100	Torsey, Lora J.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
11/07/97	89	Gaffney, Edna	Millbury, MA	Millbury, MA	
11/14/97	89	Russell, William E.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
11/16/97	70	Albert, Jeannie G.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Trinity Cemetery, Holderness, NH Oakland Cemetery, Meredith Ctr., NH Shannon Cemetery, Moultonboro, NH Forest Hill Cemetery, Derry, NH
11/17/97	90	Butler, Tyssen D.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
11/18/97	86	Anair, SR., Roland W.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
11/21/97	93	Foss, Maude C.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
11/23/97	70	Pattison, Alfred J.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Middle Neck Cemetery, Moultonboro, NH Oakland Cemetery, Meredith Ctr., NH
11/26/97	89	Willette, Evelyn E.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
11/29/97	92	Berlo, Evelyn M.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
11/29/97	66	Randmere, Uno	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
12/06/97	40	Garvey, Kevin N.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Bean Cemetery, Moultonboro, NH Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH New Hampton Village Cemetery, New Hampton, NH
12/08/97	86	Bickford, Gladys	Meredith, NH	Ctr. Harbor, NH	
12/12/97	65	Heath, Edwin T.	Boston, MA	Boston, MA	
12/18/97	96	Ordway, Jessie M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
12/26/97	78	Guild, George H.	Meredith, NH	Laconia, NH	

Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Meredith as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Meredith has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement #18 requires that a liability be recognized in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group for the estimated current closure and postclosure care costs associated with the Town's inactive municipal solid waste landfill. This liability has not been recorded as the Town has not undertaken any study to have an estimate prepared. Therefore, the estimated amount of this liability is unknown.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omissions described in the preceding paragraphs, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Meredith, as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Town of Meredith
Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Meredith. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

April 2, 1997

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Meredith for the year ended December 31, 1996, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

Also, the following condition was noted that we do not consider to be a material weakness:

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The Town does not maintain a formal accounting system for fixed assets. However, the Town has initiated development of such a system. In general, accounting for fixed assets provides information for estimating the amount of insurance needed, covers responsibilities of stewardship involved in safeguarding the assets, and allows for depreciation to be estimated when applicable. An accounting of fixed assets is required for preparation of a complete financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

We recommend that fixed asset accounting be implemented as part of the overall accounting system of the Town.

Town of Meredith

Independent Auditor's Communication of Reportable Conditions and Other Matters

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

April 2, 1997

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997
(Unaudited)

Combined Balance Sheet ~ All Fund Types and Account Group

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	Special Revenue		Capital Projects	Trust and Agency		General Long-Term Debt		
	General							
<u>ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS</u>								
<u>Assets</u>								
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 3,998,201	\$ 319,512	\$ 32,084	\$ 748,848	\$		\$	5,098,645
Investments				382,312				382,312
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)								
Interest	2,566			2,769				5,335
Taxes	1,068,511							1,068,511
Accounts	6,478	251,929		537,303				795,710
Special Assessments-Current	10,774							10,774
Special Assessments-Noncurrent	230,846							230,846
Other	50,245							50,245
Interfund Receivable	188,657	2,648						191,305
Intergovernmental Receivable								
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	130,356							130,356
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(130,356)							(130,356)
Prepaid Items	10,065							10,065
<u>Other Debits</u>								
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt						3,297,093		3,297,093
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	\$ 5,566,343	\$ 574,089	\$ 32,084	\$ 1,671,232		\$ 3,297,093	\$	11,140,841

Combined Balance Sheet ~ All Fund Types and Account Group

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	96,191	\$	5,393	27,001	\$	\$	128,585
Accrued Payroll Liabilities		43,168		1,805				44,973
Retainage Payable					12,107			12,107
Intergovernmental Payable		3,275,871				34,801		3,310,672
Interfund Payable		2,648			188,657			191,305
Escrow & Performance Deposits		8,600				20,752		29,352
Deferred Revenue		268,234		49,710				317,944
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable						537,303		537,303
General Obligation Debt Payable							2,942,146	2,942,146
Capital Leases Payable							171,128	171,128
Compensated Absences Payable							183,819	183,819
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	3,694,712	\$	56,908	\$	227,765	\$	3,297,093
							\$	7,869,334

EQUITY

Fund Balances

Reserved for Endowments	\$	\$	\$	\$ 145,869	\$	\$	\$ 145,869
Reserved for Encumbrances	395,399	64,210	5,000				464,609
Reserved for Special Purposes		50,180	18,294	932,507			1,000,981
<u>Unreserved</u>							
Designated for Special Purposes		402,791					402,791
Undesignated (Deficit)	1,476,232		(218,975)				1,257,257
TOTAL EQUITY	1,871,631	517,181	(195,681)	1,078,376			3,271,507
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 5,566,343	\$ 574,089	\$ 32,084	\$ 1,671,232	\$ 3,297,093	\$	\$ 11,140,841

Special Revenue Funds

Combining Balance Sheet

December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	D.A.R.E. Program	Land Use Change Tax	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 23,245	\$ 58,901	\$	\$ 49,700	\$ 168,327	\$ 19,339	\$ 319,512
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)							
Accounts					113,186	138,743	251,929
Interfund Receivable			2,648				2,648
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 23,245	\$ 58,901	\$ 2,648	\$ 49,700	\$ 281,513	\$ 158,082	\$ 574,089
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>							
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$	\$	4,512	\$ 881	\$ 5,393
Accrued Payroll Liabilities					1,349	456	1,805
Deferred Revenue-Access Fees					49,710		49,710
TOTAL LIABILITIES					55,571	1,337	56,908
<u>Equity</u>							
<u>Fund Balances</u>							
Reserved for Encumbrances					61,010	3,200	64,210
Reserved for Special Purposes					50,180		50,180
Unreserved							
Designated for Special Purposes	23,245	58,901	2,648	49,700	114,752	153,545	402,791
TOTAL EQUITY	23,245	58,901	2,648	49,700	225,942	156,745	517,181
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 23,245	\$ 58,901	\$ 2,648	\$ 49,700	\$ 281,513	\$ 158,082	\$ 574,089

Capital Project Funds

Combining Balance Sheet

December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

Capital Equipment and Improvements	Wagon Wheel Trail Sewer Extension	Pleasant Street Road/Water/Sewer Improvements	Community Center Fund	Westbury Road Sewer Improvements	Waukegan Street Road/Sewer Improvements	Sand/Salt Storage Building	Total
\$ 16,392	\$	\$	\$ 1,902	\$	\$ 13,790	\$	\$ 32,084
\$ 16,392	\$	\$	\$ 1,902	\$	\$ 13,790	\$	\$ 32,084

ASSETS

Cash & Equivalents	\$ 16,392	\$	\$	\$ 1,902	\$	\$ 13,790	\$	\$ 32,084
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,392	\$	\$	\$ 1,902	\$	\$ 13,790	\$	\$ 32,084

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES

liabilities										
Accounts Payable	\$	26,211	\$		\$		\$	790	\$	\$ 27,001
Due to General Fund		181,556								188,657
Retainage Payable		4,107			3,000		4,057	8,000		12,107
TOTAL LIABILITIES		211,874			3,000		4,057	8,790	44	227,765

Fund Balances

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Trust and Agency Funds Combining Balance Sheet

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

	Trust Funds					
	Expendable		Nonexpendable			
		Capital	Town			
	Library	Reserve	RSA 31:19-a	Town	Agency Funds	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash & Equivalents	\$	\$ 92,934	\$ 624,694	\$ 10,468	\$ 20,752	\$ 748,848
Investments	98,253		123,750	160,309		382,312
<u>Receivables</u>						
Interest				2,769		2,769
Accounts					537,303	537,303
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 98,253	\$ 92,934	\$ 748,444	\$ 173,546	\$ 558,055	\$ 1,671,232
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES</u>						
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Intergovernmental Payable	\$	\$ 3,967	\$ 30,834	\$	\$	\$ 34,801
Escrow and Performance Deposits					20,752	20,752
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable					537,303	537,303
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,967	30,834		558,055	592,856
<u>Fund Balances</u>						
Reserved For Endowments				145,869		145,869
Reserved For Special Purposes	98,253	88,967	717,610	27,677		932,507
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	98,253	88,967	717,610	173,546		1,078,376
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 98,253	\$ 92,934	\$ 748,444	\$ 173,546	\$ 558,055	\$ 1,671,232

Agency Funds

Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997
(Unaudited)

	Balance 1/1/97	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/97
Developers' Performance Bond Fund				
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 41,293	\$ 31,303	\$ 51,844	\$ 20,752
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 41,293	\$ 31,303	\$ 51,844	\$ 20,752
ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan				
<u>Assets</u>				
Due From Others	\$ 452,703	\$ 101,188	\$ 16,588	\$ 537,303
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 452,703	\$ 101,188	\$ 16,588	\$ 537,303
TOTAL - ALL AGENCY FUNDS				
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 41,293	\$ 31,303	\$ 51,844	\$ 20,752
Due From Others	452,703	101,188	16,588	537,303
Total Assets	\$ 493,996	\$ 132,491	\$ 68,432	\$ 558,055
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	41,293	31,303	51,844	20,752
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	452,703	101,188	16,588	537,303
Total Liabilities	\$ 493,996	\$ 132,491	\$ 68,432	\$ 558,055

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997
(Unaudited)

	1996	1997	1997	1998	Balance
	Encumbered	Appropriation	Expended	Encumbered	(Overdrafts)
<u>General Government</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Executive	3,000	123,445	118,200		8,245
Election and Registration		85,462	76,251		9,211
Financial Administration		188,909	174,573		14,336
Revaluation of Property		66,387	57,960		8,427
Legal		15,000	8,525		6,475
Personnel Administration		545,548	468,844		76,704
Planning and Zoning		134,371	130,466		3,905
General Government Buildings	13,600	262,402	216,228	19,960	39,814
Cemeteries		53,788	48,645		5,143
Insurance		165,000	147,821		17,179
Regional Associations		6,500	6,500		
Other General Government		30,000		7,740	22,260
<u>Public Safety</u>					
Police	3,185	692,726	674,653		21,258
Ambulance		195,000	194,868		132
Fire	275	168,976	144,969	13,534	10,748
<u>Highways and Streets</u>					
Highways & Streets	25,150	1,381,222	1,331,744	18,148	56,480
Street Lighting		43,500	37,973		5,527
State Aid Reconstruction	131,066	20,000		151,066	
<u>Sanitation</u>					
Solid Waste Disposal	8,020	644,282	605,893		46,409
Other Sanitation		20,000	995		19,005
<u>Water Distribution</u>					
Hydrant Rental		69,000	69,000		

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

	1996	1997	1997	1998	Balance
<u>Health</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>(Overdrafts)</u>
Health Agencies		137,668	136,081		1,587
<u>Welfare</u>					
Direct Assistance		30,200	13,004		17,196
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
Parks and Recreation	10,389	136,188	120,987	8,839	16,751
Library		247,106	238,598		8,508
Patriotic Purposes		5,700	5,700		
Other Culture and Recreation	17,102	54,000	28,545	44,937	(2,380)
<u>Economic Development</u>					
Administration	23,779	42,700	23,300	40,400	2,779
<u>Debt Service</u>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		346,874	343,774		3,100
Interest - Long-Term Debt		190,718	196,731		(6,013)
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		20,000			20,000
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Water Main Replacements	84,921		22,290	90,775	(28,144)
Waukegan Road Reconstruction	318,500		351,374		(32,874)
<u>Intergovernmental</u>					
School Appropriation		6,536,367	6,536,367		
County Appropriation		1,178,138	1,178,138		
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>					
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>					
Conservation Commission		1,265	741		524
Expendable Trust Funds		533,329	533,329		
<u>Total Appropriations,</u>					
<u>Expenditures, and Encumbrances</u>	\$ 638,987	\$ 14,371,771	\$ 14,243,067	\$ 395,399	\$ 372,292

Comparative Statement of Revenues General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 11,564,649	\$ 11,624,137	\$ 59,488
Yield	10,000	18,902	8,902
Boat	32,000	38,802	6,802
Land Use Change	11,600	11,600	
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	160,000	180,474	20,474
Total Taxes	<u>11,778,249</u>	<u>11,873,915</u>	<u>95,666</u>
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	550,000	717,792	167,792
Building Permits	17,000	19,542	2,542
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	28,000	46,673	18,673
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>595,000</u>	<u>784,007</u>	<u>189,007</u>
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State			
Highway Block Grant	136,697	136,697	
Shared Revenue	129,432	129,457	25
Rooms & Meals Tax	53,112	53,170	58
Water Pollution Grants	20,239	20,239	
Filtration Grant		28,144	28,144
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	369	369	
Other State/Federal Revenue	2,000	10,399	8,399
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>341,849</u>	<u>378,475</u>	<u>36,626</u>
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	<u>382,928</u>	<u>503,150</u>	<u>120,222</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	5,000	12,646	7,646
Interest on Investments	85,000	145,727	60,727
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	105,000	170,507	65,507
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>195,000</u>	<u>328,880</u>	<u>133,880</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Special Revenue Fund	232,210	232,210	
Trust Funds	131,535	131,535	
Proceeds From Long Term Debt			
Proceeds From Capital Lease	90,000	90,000	
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>453,745</u>	<u>453,745</u>	
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	13,746,771	<u>\$ 14,322,172</u>	<u>\$ 575,401</u>
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	<u>625,000</u>		
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources and Use of Fund Balance	<u>\$ 14,371,771</u>		

Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997
(Unaudited)

<u>Unreserved - Undesignated</u> <u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	\$ 930,209
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Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used		
To Reduce 1997 Tax Rate	\$ 625,000	
Decrease In Reserved For Special Purposes	<u>(223,329)</u>	
Total Deductions		<u>401,671</u>
Subtotal		\$ 528,538

Additions

<u>1997 Budget Summary</u>		
Revenue Surplus (page 68)	\$ 575,401	
Unexpended Balance of		
Appropriations (page 67)	<u>372,292</u>	
1997 Budget Surplus		<u>947,693</u>

<u>Unreserved - Undesignated</u> <u>Fund Balance - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 1,476,231</u>
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Treasurer's Account Summary

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

General Fund

Balance 12/31/96	\$ 3,741,741.55	
Receipts & Transfers	31,252,695.66	
Expenditures & Transfers	<u>(30,996,235.68)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97		3,998,201.53

Water Department

Balance 12/31/96	127,469.95	
Receipts	137,133.82	
Expenditures	<u>(96,277.14)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97		168,326.63

Sewer Department

Balance 12/31/96	15,704.22	
Receipts	294,112.26	
Expenditures	<u>(290,477.10)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97		19,339.38

Conservation Commission

Balance 12/31/96	47,667.93	
Receipts	11,973.43	
Expenditures	<u>(740.72)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97		58,900.64

Capital Improvements

Balance 12/31/96	16,685.87	
Receipts		
Expenditures	<u>(293.89)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97		16,391.98

Community Center

Balance 12/31/96		
Receipts	1,902.17	
Expenditures	<u></u>	
Balance 12/31/97		1,902.17

Waukegan Street

Balance 12/31/96		
Receipts	607,282.37	
Expenditures	<u>(593,492.54)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97		13,789.83

Treasurer's Account Summary

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

Land Use Change Tax Fund

Balance 12/31/96	\$ 11,600.00	
Receipts	49,700.00	
Expenditures	<u>(11,600.00)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97		49,700.00

Engineering Funds/Retainage

Balance 12/31/96	41,293.28	
Receipts	31,302.75	
Expenditures	<u>(51,844.02)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97		20,752.01
Balance all Funds 12/31/97		<u><u>\$4,347,304.17</u></u>

Proof of Balance

Citizens Bank

Operating Account # 3300847496	\$ 80,363.05	
Outstanding checks	<u>(72,570.21)</u>	
Reconciled Balance		7,792.84

Payroll Account # 23402821	4,370.33	
Outstanding checks	<u>(2,207.97)</u>	
Reconciled Balance		2,162.36
Investment - Repurchase Agreement #3304019482		329.81
Certificates of Deposit		1,100,000.00

Meredith Village

Account 95300303		19,671.35
Account 23653720		8,260.31
Account 36587		39.25
Account 36588		39.25
Account 23282121		1,902.17
Account 10169712		3,185,824.82

Fleet Bank

Account 09909957893	22,257.83	
Outstanding checks	<u>(1,505.82)</u>	
Reconciled Balance		20,752.01
Cash in Hands of Officials		530.00
Reconciled Balance 12/31/97		<u><u>\$4,347,304.17</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Pendergast

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

NONEXPENDABLE TRUSTS	Principal			Income			Total
	Beginning Balance 1/1/97	New Funds	Gain (Loss)	Ending Balance 12/31/97	Beginning Balance 1/1/97	Income Expense	
WWII Memorial	\$ 299	\$	\$ 32	\$ 331	\$ 1,326	\$ 94	\$ 1,751
Oakland Cemetery	3,524		369	3,893	1,171	272	5,336
Outlying Cemeteries	8,795		920	9,715	9,320	1,049	20,084
Town Cemetery	15,666		1,639	17,305	5,668	1,235	24,208
Ebon S. Roberts	254		26	280	41	18	339
Edwin E. Beede	88,985		9,313	98,298	2,682	5,308	100,213
Samuel W. Rollins	3,792		397	4,189	822	267	5,278
J. Bennett/E. Swain	584		61	645	95	40	780
William E. Bixby	127		13	140	21	9	170
Hattie R. Erskine	90		9	99	87	11	197
George S. Fogg	1,300		136	1,436	571	108	2,115
Town Cemetery	2,465		258	2,723	1,993	258	4,974
Caroline M. Swift	381		40	421	58	25	504
J. Beede Cemetery	5,788		606	6,394	821	382	7,597
Total	\$ 132,050	\$	\$ 13,819	\$ 145,869	\$ 24,676	\$ 9,076	\$ 173,546

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	PURPOSE	Principal			Income			Total Principal & Income
		Beginning Balance 1/1/97	New Funds	Gain (Loss)	Ending Balance 12/31/97	Beginning Balance 1/1/97	Income Expense	
Cemetery Maint.	Maintenance	\$ 16,570	\$	\$	\$ 16,570	\$ 3,705	\$ 1,129	\$ 21,404
Library	Maintenance	10,000			10,000	296	573	10,869
Employee Benefits	Severance		35,000	(34,376)	624	254	1,926	2,804
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	75,000	298,329		373,329	30	5,974	374,009
Sand/Salt Storage	Construct Building	100,000	100,000		200,000	37	5,649	205,686
Municipal Building	Additional Space	50,000	50,000		100,000	15	2,824	102,839
Public Works	Dump Truck	40,000	50,000	(90,000)		14	1,821	
Total Town Trust		291,570	533,329	(124,376)	700,523	4,350	19,896	717,610
Ruth S. Briggs	Scholarships		30,000		30,000		834	30,834
Total Expendable Trust		\$ 291,570	\$ 563,329	\$ (124,376)	\$ 730,523	\$ 4,350	\$ 20,730	\$ 748,444

CAPITAL RESERVES	Beginning Balance 1/1/97	Added	Paid	Gain/Loss	Income	Ending Balance 12/31/97
Fire Truck	\$ 1,938	\$	\$	\$	\$ 99	\$ 2,037
Reconstructive Refuse	36,080				1,843	37,923
Police	22,774				1,164	23,938
Water Department	23,851				1,218	25,069
Total Town Capital Reserves	84,643				4,324	88,967
Interlakes School District	3,774				193	3,967
Totals	\$ 88,417	\$	\$	\$	\$ 4,517	\$ 92,934

Long-Term Indebtedness

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 1997, is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/97
<u>General Obligation Debt Payable</u>					
1988 Sewer Extension Bonds	\$ 603,200	1988	2008	5.750%	\$ 397,613
1989 Library Improvement Bonds	\$ 750,000	1989	2008	5.750%	\$ 522,449
1988 Water System Improvement Bonds	\$ 2,000,000	1988	2016	5.750%	\$ 1,660,024
1991 Water Line Bonds	\$ 470,000	1991	2000	5.875%	\$ 44,154
1994 Fire Truck Bonds	\$ 222,000	1993	2003	5.125%	\$ 83,667
1994 Sewer Extension Bonds	\$ 229,000	1994	2014	4.500%	\$ 205,410
1995 Sewer Extension Bonds	\$ 50,314	1995	2005	6.000%	\$ 28,829

Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 1997	\$ 2,942,146
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<u>Capital Leases Payable</u>					
1996 Excavator Lease	\$ 99,900	1996	2000	6.000%	\$ 81,128
1997 Dump Truck Six Wheel	\$ 90,000	1997	1999	5.250%	\$ 90,000

Total Capital Leases Payable - December 31, 1997	\$ 171,128
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<u>Compensated Absences Payable</u>	
Vested Sick Leave	75,181
Accrued Vacation Leave	108,638

Total Compensated Absences Payable - December 31, 1997	\$ 183,819
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<u>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u>	<u>\$ 3,297,093</u>
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Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1998	\$ 185,630	\$ 174,890	\$ 360,520
1999	182,812	156,031	338,843
2000	134,541	145,375	279,917
2001	142,339	137,578	279,917
2002	150,620	129,326	279,946
2003-2018	2,146,204	908,790	3,054,993
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 2,942,146</u>	<u>\$ 1,651,990</u>	<u>\$ 4,594,136</u>

Tax and Supplemental Information

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Warrants

1-1-97 to 12-31-97

<u>Debits</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-97		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 1,087,272.27
Betterment Assessments		13,517.97
Yield Taxes		1,867.75
Water Rents		67,589.76
Sewer Rents		139,467.42
 Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	11,715,155.33	
Betterment Assessments	45,382.49	
Land Use Change Taxes	59,700.00	
Yield Taxes	18,902.02	
Water Rents	217,816.82	
Sewer Rents	483,638.34	
 Overpayments		
Property Taxes	14,717.47	3,159.81
Water Rents	4.00	36.00
Sewer Rents	121.80	30.00
 Interest Collected		
Property Taxes	13,636.02	42,284.69
Betterment Assessments	14.73	334.73
Yield Taxes	37.82	176.40
Water Rents	371.51	1,641.82
Sewer Rents	792.88	2,728.00
 Total Debits	<u><u>\$ 12,570,291.23</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,360,106.62</u></u>
 <u>Credits</u>		
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$ 10,919,801.62	\$ 1,086,835.55
Betterment Assessments	34,608.37	13,517.97
Land Use Change Tax	56,700.00	
Yield Taxes	16,666.55	1,867.75
Water Rents	154,135.52	67,590.72
Sewer Rents	344,372.94	139,490.22
Property Tax Interest	13,636.02	42,284.69
Betterment Assessment Interest	14.73	334.73
Yield Tax Interest	37.82	176.40
Water Rents Interest	371.51	1,641.82
Sewer Rents Interest	792.88	2,728.00

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Warrants

1-1-97 to 12-31-97

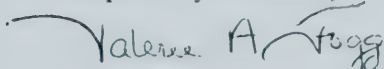
<u>Credits continued</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Abatements		
Property Taxes	\$ 8,480.35	\$ 3,596.53
Water Rents	512.46	35.04
Sewer Rents	644.40	7.20
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-97		
Property Taxes	801,590.83	
Betterment Assessments	10,774.12	
Land Use Change Tax	3,000.00	
Yield Taxes	2,235.47	
Water Rents	63,172.84	
Sewer Rents	138,742.80	
Total Credits	<u><u>\$ 12,570,291.23</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,360,106.62</u></u>

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

1-1-97 to 12-31-97

<u>Debits</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Uncollected Liens 1-1-97			
Beginning Balance 1-1-97	\$	\$ 321,725.99	\$ 143,020.49
Liens Executed During 1997	609,197.97		
Overpayments	1,427.91		
Interest after Lien	18,736.01	33,989.04	50,835.96
Redemption Costs	2,192.00	1,229.00	2,330.00
Total Debits	<u><u>\$ 631,553.89</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 356,944.03</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 196,186.45</u></u>
Credits			
Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$ 350,162.02	\$ 161,460.33	\$ 135,691.34
Interest & Costs	20,928.01	35,218.04	53,165.96
Abatements	412.52	494.66	1,525.04
Deeded to Town	2,288.27	2,088.54	3,511.40
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-97	257,763.07	157,682.46	2,292.71
Total Credits	<u><u>\$ 631,553.89</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 356,944.03</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 196,186.45</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,



Valerie Fogg, Deputy Tax Collector

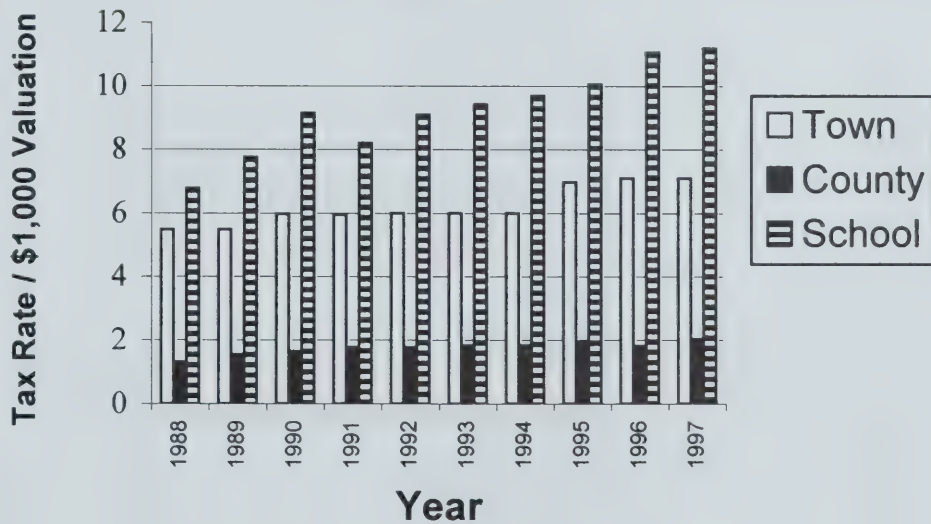
1997 Tax Rate Calculation

Town of Meredith

		1997 Tax Rates per \$1,000 <u>Valuation</u>
Appropriations	\$ 8,683,644	
Less: Revenues	4,735,383	
Less: Shared Revenues	36,107	
Add: Overlay	142,018	
War Service Credits	<u>60,150</u>	
Approved Town Tax Effort		4,114,322
Municipal Tax Rate		\$ 7.09
Due to Regional School	6,536,367	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>53,179</u>	
Approved School Tax Effort		6,483,188
School Tax Rate		\$ 11.18
Due to County	1,178,138	
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>8,831</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort		1,169,307
County Tax Rate		<u>\$ 2.02</u>
Combined Tax Rate		\$ 20.29
Total Property Taxes Assessed		11,766,817
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(60,150)</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u><u>\$ 11,706,667</u></u>
Net Assessed Valuation	\$ 579,931,823	
Tax Rate	\$ 20.29	
Assessment	\$ 11,766,817	

Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison Town of Meredith

Year	Town	County	School	Net Valuation
1988	5.48	1.30	6.77	557,269,064
1989	5.48	1.53	7.75	569,263,477
1990	5.96	1.64	9.14	478,578,953
1991	5.94	1.77	8.20	584,276,112
1992	6.00	1.77	9.09	586,488,392
1993	5.99	1.83	9.42	588,980,029
1994	5.99	1.83	9.69	591,943,189
1995	6.97	1.93	10.05	593,993,263 (2)
1996	7.10	1.81	11.05	575,967,000 (1)
1997	7.09	2.02	11.18	579,931,823



- (1) Year in which the Town performed a revaluation of property
- (2) In 1995, Town Meeting approved a one-time appropriation for the reconstruction of Waukewan Street in the amount of \$318,500. The reconstruction of the street was done in conjunction with Municipal Sewer extension.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Summary of Town Owned Property

<u>Map</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
I02	21	Bear Island - Town Dock	64,800
I07	06	Bear Island	54,300
R08	14	Meredith Center Road	15,900
R08	15	Childs Park	16,200
R08	47	Meredith Center Road	14,500
R08	48	Fire Station - Meredith Center	180,900
R13	05	Wicwas - Penninsula	50,300
R13	06	Wicwas - Island	22,300
R13	07	Wicwas - Island	21,800
R14	01	Wicwood Shores Road	283,700
R14	28	Wicwood Shores and Chemung Road	56,700
R14	29	Chemung Road	69,500
R17	16	Chemung and Camp Waldron	16,400
R17	35	Chemung and Old Stanton Road	19,600
R17	36	Chemung Road	22,300
R22	02	Tucker Mountain Road	6,000
R22	07	Tucker Mountain Road	29,100
R22	13	Neddeau Road	46,700
R31	20	Old Poor Farm	86,400
R32	01	Hermit Woods Road	38,300
R35	03	Pinnacle Ridge and Edgerly School Roads	12,500
S02	05	Beattie and Old Center Harbor Roads	28,700
S15	08	Public Works - Jenness Hill Road	556,700
S15	54	Boynton Road	24,600
S18	55	Tracy Way	14,300
S18	56	Tracy Way	15,900
S22	20	Waukewan Highlands Community Park	36,700
S22	22	Waukewan Highlands Community Park	203,400
S22	27	Tracy Way	7,600
S23	21	Pumping Station	18,800
S23	51	NH Route 104	8,800
U01	01A	Neal Shore Road	21,800
U01	34	Neal Shore Road	2,000
U03	28A	Waukewan Street	18,500
U03	30	Waukewan Beach	233,200
U04	25	Monkey Pond	1,400
U05	01A	Waukewan Street	15,400
U05	01B	Water Department – Waukewan Street	122,300
U05	02	Waukewan Park	119,500
U06	31	Swazey Park	126,300
U06	37	Parking Lot - High Street	19,500
U06	38	Parking Lot - High Street	23,300

Summary of Town Owned Property continued

<u>Map</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
U06	59	Library – Main Street	489,900
U06	60	Community Park - Main Street	54,400
U06	63	Parking Lot - Water Street	30,300
U06	112	Fire Station - Route 3	408,500
U06	117C	Swazey Cemetery	100
U06	145	Town Docks - Route 3	190,900
U07	44	Municipal Building – Main Street	231,000
U07	86A	Water Line - Right of Way	600
U07	107	Pumping Station - Route 3	68,200
U07	108	Parking Lot - Route 3	81,100
U07	121	Scenic Park	73,500
U07	123	Scenic Park	63,500
U07	126	Hesky Park	174,200
U07	127	Hesky Park	175,800
U10	17	Pumping Station - Philbrook Avenue	10,700
U10	31	Prescott Park	173,900
U10	33	Prescott Park	36,100
U10	34	Police Station – Route 3	288,300
U10	35	Route 3	46,400
U11	50A	Greenmore Road	22,200
U11	67	Kelly Lane	4,300
U11	71	Meredith Village Cemetery	111,500
U12	04	Philbrook Avenue	12,600
U12	15	Near Jenness Hill Road	179,600
U14	01	Sewer Plant	46,600
U15	14A	Near Route 25 and Pleasant Street	17,500
U15	19A	Clough Park	31,900
U15	27	Morrison Ave.	2,000
U33	15A	Patricia Drive and Cattle Landing Road	45,500
U35	10	Love Joy Sands	134,000
U39	58	Leavitt Park	206,400

Summary Inventory of Valuation ~ All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

<u>Value of Land Only</u>		
Current Use		\$ 907,249
Residential		267,220,100
Commercial/Industrial		<u>20,358,135</u>
	Total Value of Land	288,485,484
<u>Value of Buildings Only</u>		
Residential		234,164,269
Commercial/Industrial		<u>53,284,370</u>
	Total Value of Buildings	287,448,639
<u>Public Utilities</u>		
Electric		<u>\$ 6,462,300</u>
	Total Valuation Before Exemptions	6,462,300
<u>Exemptions</u>		
Blind		60,000
Elderly		2,080,000
Totally & Permanently Disabled		300,000
Solar/Windpower		<u>24,600</u>
	Total Exemptions	<u>2,464,600</u>
	Net Taxable Valuation	<u><u>\$ 3,997,700</u></u>

Summary Inventory of Valuation ~ All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

Value of Land Only

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Value of Buildings Only

Residential	234,164,269
Commercial/Industrial	53,284,370
Total Value of Buildings	<u>287,448,639</u>

Public Utilities

Electric	<u>6,462,300</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$ 582,396,423

Exemptions

Blind	60,000
Elderly	2,080,000
Totally & Permanently Disabled	300,000
Solar/Windpower	24,600
Total Exemptions	<u>2,464,600</u>

Net 1997 Taxable Valuation	<u><u>\$ 579,931,823</u></u>
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1998 Meredith Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at St. Charles Auditorium, 281 Daniel Webster Highway, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next, March 10, 1998, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on the following articles:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

- One (1) Selectman for three (3) years
- One (1) Town Clerk for one (1) year
- One (1) Moderator for two (2) years
- One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for three (3) years
- One (1) Supervisors of Checklist for six (6) years
- One (1) Library Trustee for three (3) years
- One (1) Library Trustee for two (2) years

ARTICLE 2

Our current requirement is for the elderly to apply for exemption by March 1st, after the last tax bill. This question would require the elderly to apply for the exemption by August 1st of the current year, prior to the setting of the tax rate so as to better manage our tax rate projections.

“Shall we adopt the August 1st, prior to the setting of the tax rate, as the date for filing for an elderly exemption from the property tax?”

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with “Minimum Lot Sizes Based on Soils and Slopes”?

Purpose of the proposed amendment: To authorize the deletion of the existing provisions from the Zoning Ordinance, contingent upon the adoption of similar environmental standards (pursuant to a public hearing) as part of the Planning Board’s Subdivision Regulations.

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with “Off Street Parking Regulations” for non-residential uses?

Purpose of the proposed amendment: To authorize the deletion of the existing provisions from the Zoning Ordinance, contingent upon the adoption of similar off street parking regulations (pursuant to a public hearing) as part of the Planning Board’s Site Plan Review Regulations.

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with “Organized Recreational Camps (Profit or Non-Profit)”?

Purpose of the Amendment: To establish “Organized Recreational Camps” as a permitted use in the Forestry and Conservation District, as is currently provided for in the Forestry and Rural District. Any proposal to establish or expand an “Organized Recreational Camp” would be subject to Site Plan Review.

Deliberative Session

ARTICLE 6

“To see if the town will vote to (i) rescind the provisions of Article 8 of the 1997 town meeting whereby the voters appropriated One million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) for certain improvements at Pleasant Street and further to reprioritize this appropriation by voting to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,400,000 for the purpose of constructing playing fields and a community center at Prescott Park. Said appropriation to be inclusive of State or Federal grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (ii) to authorize the issuance of several bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes, and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any or all State or Federal grants-in-aid, or other contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith.” (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith) (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting) **Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for the purpose of providing additional athletic facilities (fields and tennis courts, trails, etc.) behind Prescott Park. Possible improvements may include drainage, relocation of power lines, relocation of buildings, road and parking lot improvements; said appropriation to be inclusive of State or Federal grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (ii) to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes, and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any or all State or Federal grants-in-aid, or other contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith. (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting) **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be added to the Employee Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$183,737.00) to be added to the Landfill Closure Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) to be raised by taxation and to authorize the transfer of the December 31, 1997 fund balance in the amount of Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$58,737.00). The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Municipal Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Refuse Disposal Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 22 of the March 14, 1978 Town Meeting, which as of December 31, 1997 had an approximate value of Thirty Six Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$36,080.00) principal and interest. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the General Fund. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement Fund, for the purpose of replacing existing Solid Waste Trailers, and to raise and appropriate the approximate sum of Eighty Six Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$86,080.00). The sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be raised by taxation and to authorize the transfer of funds transferred to the general fund from the discontinuance of the Refuse Disposal Capital Reserve Fund with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal. The approximate value of said funds as of December 31, 1997 was Thirty Six Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$36,080.00). Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as Fire Department Communication Improvement Fund, for the purpose of providing improved communication equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) toward this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 14

To see if the town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund, for the purpose of providing a replacement vehicle and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) toward this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of State Aid Reconstruction Program – 2 to 1 match for improvements to various roads under the State Aid Reconstruction Program, provided that the State of New Hampshire appropriates Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 16

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$49,700.00) for the purpose of paying off or down the principal portion of Fire Truck Debt. The sum of Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$49,700.00) to be transferred to the General Fund from the Land Use Change Tax Fund. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 18

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to improve and double chip seal a portion of Camp Waldron Road (a Class V Town Road) from pavement near the intersection of Chemung Road up to and including the intersection with Swain Road." (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith) **Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 19

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,000 to reconstruct, improve and double chip seal a portion of Hatch Corner Road (a Class V Town Road) from the end of existing pavement up to and including the intersection with Old Stage Road." (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith). **Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

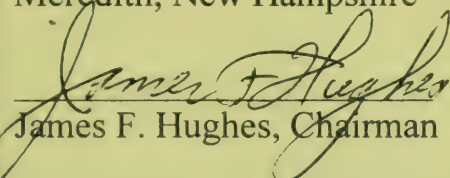
ARTICLE 20

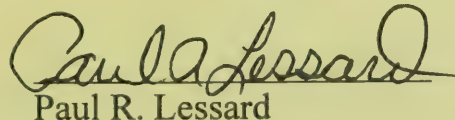
"To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the M/S Mt. Washington, owned by the Winnepesaukee Flagship Corporation, from docking in Meredith Bay and to prevent the Board of Selectmen from entering into any lease agreement with the Winnepesaukee Flagship Corporation for use of the Town Dock." (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith)

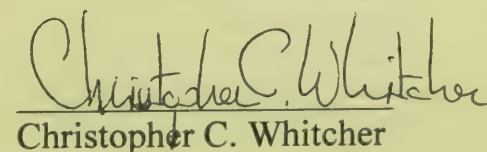
ARTICLE 21

"Are you in favor of the restoration of the small island off of Clough/Scenic Park (Indian Island), including the replacement of a replica of the Indian Chief Chocorua on that island?" (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith)

Board of Selectmen
Meredith, New Hampshire


James F. Hughes, Chairman


Paul R. Lessard


Christopher C. Whitcher

1998 Meredith Budget

	1997	1997	1998	1998
	Appropriations	Expended	Appropriations	Appropriations
			Recommended	Not
				Recommended
<u>General Government</u>				
Executive	\$ 123,445	\$ 115,105	\$ 123,945	\$
Election and Registration	79,436	76,251	86,696	
Financial Administration	255,296	232,533	266,904	
Legal	15,000	8,525	15,000	
Personnel Administration	545,548	468,844	662,999	
Planning and Zoning	134,371	130,466	144,191	
General Government Buildings	262,402	213,428	293,724	
Cemeteries	53,788	48,645	54,399	
Insurance	165,000	147,821	156,900	
Regional Associations	6,500	6,500	9,000	
Other General Government	30,000		30,000	
<u>Public Safety</u>				
Police	684,537	671,468	724,604	
Ambulance	195,000	194,868	195,000	
Fire	168,976	144,694	156,324	
<u>Highways & Streets</u>				
Highways & Streets	1,197,226	1,323,211	1,189,213	
Street Lighting	43,500	37,973	44,500	
<u>Sanitation</u>				
Solid Waste Disposal	638,958	597,824	630,066	
Other Sanitation	20,000	995	20,000	
<u>Hydrant Rental</u>				
	69,000	69,000	69,000	
<u>Health Agencies</u>				
	137,668	136,081	143,506	
<u>General Assistance</u>				
	30,200	13,004	30,400	
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>				
Parks and Recreation	136,188	114,459	132,067	
Library	255,606	238,598	270,988	
Patriotic Purposes	5,700	5,700	3,200	
Other Culture and Recreation	50,000	25,681		
<u>Economic Development</u>				
	42,700	23,221	22,500	
<u>Debt Service</u>				
Principal - Long-Term Debt	346,874	343,774	282,550	
Interest - Long-Term Debt	190,718	196,731	190,084	
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	20,000		10,000	
<u>Capital Outlay</u>				
	1,490,000	32,875	124,125	
<u>Conservation Commission</u>				
	1,265	741	1,000	
<u>Expendable Trust Funds</u>				
	533,329	533,329	424,817	
Total General Fund	\$ 7,928,231	\$ 6,152,345	\$ 6,507,702	\$
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
	464,961	478,873	490,910	
<u>Water Fund</u>				
	290,452	269,542	293,877	
Total Operating Budget All Funds	\$ 8,683,644	\$ 6,900,760	\$ 7,292,489	\$
<u>Warrant Articles Not In Operating Budget</u>				
Prescott Park Petitioned Article # 6				1,400,000
Prescott Park Selectmens Article # 7			500,000	
Camp Waldron Road Petitioned Article # 18				55,000
Hatch Corner Road Petitioned Article # 19				64,000
Debt Service Selectmens Article # 17			49,700	
Grand Total - All Inclusive Budget	\$ 8,683,644	\$ 6,900,760	\$ 7,842,189	\$ 1,519,000

1998 Meredith Budget

	1997 Estimated	1997 Actual	1998 Estimated
<u>Taxes</u>			
Yield	\$ 10,000	\$ 18,902	\$ 10,000
Boat	32,000	38,802	32,000
Land Use Change	11,600	11,600	49,700
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	160,000	180,474	160,000
Total Taxes	213,600	249,778	251,700
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	550,000	717,792	600,000
Building Permits	17,000	19,542	17,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	28,000	46,673	28,000
Total Licenses and Permits	595,000	784,007	645,000
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State			
Highway Block Grant	136,697	136,697	136,286
Shared Revenue	31,315	31,315	31,315
Rooms & Meals Tax	53,112	53,170	53,112
Water Pollution Grants	20,239	20,239	25,766
Filtration Grant		28,144	
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	369	369	369
Other State/Federal Revenue	2,000	10,399	10,016
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	243,732	280,333	256,864
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	382,928	503,150	380,000
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	5,000	12,646	5,000
Interest on Investments	85,000	145,727	75,000
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	105,000	170,507	143,347
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	195,000	328,880	223,347
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Special Revenue Fund	240,710	232,210	243,967
Trust Funds	131,535	131,535	36,080
Proceeds From Long Term Debt			
Proceeds From Capital Lease	90,000	90,000	
Proceeds From Long Term Debt	1,400,000		500,000
Total Other Financing Sources	1,862,245	453,745	780,047
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	3,492,505	2,599,893	2,536,958
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	625,000		530,258
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 4,117,505	\$	\$ 3,067,216
Special Revenue Funds			
Sewer	464,961	499,469	490,910
Water	290,452	307,366	293,877
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 4,872,918	\$ 3,406,728	\$ 3,852,003

1998 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

1998 Appropriations – Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$7,292,489
Less: 1998 Estimated Revenues – Other than Property Taxes	(\$3,302,303)
Less: Shared Revenues – Town Portion	(\$ 36,107)
Add: Overlay Proposed	\$ 100,000
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted From Property Tax Warrant)	<u>\$ 60,150</u>
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$4,114,229</u>

1998 Estimated Tax Rate (Town Portion Only) \$7.09
Compared to the 1997 Tax Rate of \$7.09 (Town Portion Only)

Warrant Articles With Potential Tax Rate Impact:

If the following warrant articles are passed, the tax rate will increase by:

1. \$500,000 Bond Authorization for Prescott Park Improvements
Impact on the Tax Rate (per \$1,000 valuation)

Two Year Debt Repayment **\$0.47** For Fiscal Years Ending 12/31/1999 – 12/31/2000
2. \$55,000 Petitioned Article for Camp Waldron Road
Impact on the Tax Rate (per \$1,000 valuation)

One-time Appropriation **\$0.09** For Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/1998
3. \$64,000 Petitioned Article for Hatch Corner Road
Impact on the Tax Rate (per \$1,000 valuation)

One-time Appropriation **\$0.11** For Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/1998

Meetings of Town Boards and Committees

Monday:	Board of Selectmen - 7:00 pm, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Conference Room, Police Station
Tuesday:	Library Trustees - 7:30 pm, 2nd Tuesday, Public Library Planning Board - 7:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Conference Room, Police Station Public Health Nursing Assoc. - 3:30 pm, 3rd Tuesday, Public Library
Wednesday:	Lakes Region Planning Commission - 6:30 pm, 2nd Wednesday, Humiston Building
Thursday:	Conservation Commission - 7:30 pm, 1st Thursday, Conference Room, Police Station Zoning Board of Adjustment - 7:30 pm, 2nd Thursday, Conference Room, Police Station
Other:	Economic Development and Route 3 & 25 Task Force Contact Municipal Office for location/date

Municipal Office Hours

Assessor's Office	M - F	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	279-4538
Building's & Grounds	M - F	7:00 am - 3:30 pm	279-3923
Code Enforcement	M - F	8:00 am - 12:30 pm 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	279-4538
General Assistance	T - F	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	279-4538
Highway Department	M - F	7:00 am - 3:30 pm	279-6352
Municipal Office	M - F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Planning & Zoning	M - F	8:00 am - 12:30 pm 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Public Library	T, W	10:00 am - 8:00 pm	279-4303
	TH	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	
	F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	
	SAT	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	
Recreation Department	M - F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Solid Waste Facility	Daily -	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	279-8480
	except W and Holidays		
Tax Collector	M - F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Town Clerk	M - F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Town Manager	M - F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Water & Sewer Department	M - F	7:00 am - 3:30 pm	279-3046

Town of Meredith

All Emergency Calls

Dial "911"

Cooperative Resources, Inc. 536-7400
Providing Meredith with local dial up access to the Internet.
Please call or visit their website www.coopresources.net.

Emergency & Health Information

Community Action Program	279-4096
Emergency Management Director	279-8933
Hanover Poison Information Center	1-800-562-8236
Lakes Region General Hospital	524-3211
Meredith Public Health Nursing	279-6611

Meredith Town Office

Business	279-4538
Fax	279-1042
Forest Fire Warden	279-5652
Public Information Line	279-5373

Police-Local and State

Belknap County Sheriff's Department	524-3830
Meredith non-emergency	279-4561
State Police (Concord)	1-800-852-3411
State Police (Tamworth)	323-8112

We have the following available services for the general public at the Municipal Office.

Municipal Office (Burning Permits)	279-4538
Notary/Justice of the Peace	\$5.00/document
TDD	279-4538